

of an award-winning choir program at O.D. Wyatt High School where she graduated in 1982.

Fisher's lifelong commitment to gospel music was a beacon of light in the Fort Worth community. An accomplished singer, pianist and organist, Fisher was well known as a musician and leader across Dallas and Fort Worth. Alongside her leadership in several church choirs throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth community, Fisher contributed to a deep history of gospel performance in African American churches.

Our community lost a talented musician, leader, and teacher in Avis Michelle Fisher which is why I would like to take this opportunity to honor her life and legacy in Fort Worth and extend my thoughts and prayers to all that have been impacted by her.

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REMEMBERING DR. GEORGE  
GEORGIEFF

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. George Georgieff, an American veteran and well-known orthodontist from Orange County, California.

Born on November 15, 1931, Dr. Georgieff grew up in Clairton, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 1953 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry. After graduating, Dr. Georgieff nobly served his country in the United States Air Force as a Lieutenant in the Weapons Specialist Division from 1954 to 1956. After returning to civilian life, Dr. Georgieff expanded his career by attending the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, earning his Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1961. Dr. Georgieff then earned a Certificate of Orthodontics in 1963 from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Georgieff operated a private orthodontic practice from 1963 until 2012. In that time, Dr. Georgieff served more than 25,000 clients. Of that impressive client base, over 1,500 were surgical cases. Additionally, Dr. Georgieff was on staff at St. Joseph, a prestigious hospital in the City of Orange, from 1965 to 1984 as an oral surgery consultant and assistant in oral surgery procedures. A lifelong academic, Dr. Georgieff lectured on orthodontics across the United States, as well as in London, England; Sophia, Bulgaria; and Belgrade, Serbia on behalf of the American Association of Orthodontics.

In addition to his hands-on work in his practice, Dr. Georgieff also worked with various organizations to enhance the professional community of orthodontics in Orange County. Dr. Georgieff was a longtime member of the Orange County Dental Society, where he served as Program Director from 1970 to 1972 and the Press Relations Chairman in 1973.

Given his outstanding professional career, it is no surprise that Dr. Georgieff received numerous prestigious accolades. Dr. Georgieff became certified through the American Board of Orthodontics in 1977, becoming the second orthodontist in Orange County to earn this achievement. In 1981, Dr. Georgieff received the Man of the Year Award from the City of

Hope Foundation for outstanding service to the community. In 1984, Dr. Georgieff was named the Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine. Most significantly, Dr. Georgieff was named the top provider of orthodontic treatment for children receiving "Denti-Cal" in the State of California.

Dr. Georgieff lived a rich and vibrant life filled with countless professional achievements and personal fulfillment. Dr. Georgieff is survived by his wife, Joyce, as well as his three children, Stephanie, Evan, and Adam, and two grandchildren, Olivia and Wesley. Dr. Georgieff will continue to be an inspiration, personally and professionally, to many. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Dr. George Georgieff.

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CONGRATULATING THE SALT BAY  
CHAMBERFEST ON THEIR 25TH  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. CHELLIE PINGREE**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Ms. PINGREE. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Salt Bay Chamberfest on their 25th Anniversary Season.

Founded in 1994 by cellist Wilhelmina Smith, the festival has grown to international recognition. Giving voice to contemporary composers, the Chamberfest commissions and premieres new works as well as standard chamber music. Their mission to "produce chamber music of the top artistic quality" draws world-class talent to the unique setting of Darrows Barn at Round Top Farm.

I am proud of Salt Bay Chamberfest's commitment to Maine's Midcoast community through their education programs—from open rehearsals to the public and the Family Concert aimed at introducing classical music to future generations, to Pre-Concert Talks and OffTopic! lectures and demonstrations by individual musicians. Chamberfest strives to make music accessible to all ages and "broadens the horizons of its audience and the community."

The arts are essential and play a vital role in our state's quality of life. As our creative economy grows and receives national attention, I am pleased to recognize Salt Bay Chamberfest as an exceptional example of how the arts can enliven and inspire a community.

Bravo.

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SAFE FROM THE START ACT OF  
2019

**HON. GRACE MENG**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of the Safe from the Start Act of 2019. This bill will reduce incidences of gender-based violence (GBV); ensure quality services for survivors from the very onset of emergencies through timely and effective humanitarian action; and promote

standards for prevention, mitigation and response to such crises.

The largest flow of refugees in recorded history are being forced from their home countries and their time spent displaced has increased from years to generations. Climate change continues to spur temporary and permanent displacement, as floods and fires destroy homes and livelihoods.

During times of crisis, GBV increases as chaos and tensions within households and communities grow. An estimated 1 in 5 women in conflict settings have experienced sexual violence, although numbers are likely higher given the barriers associated with disclosure. GBV is often used by armed actors as an intimidation tactic to exert power and control over the opposing side.

Gaps in services and humanitarian protection frameworks have made it difficult to adequately prevent GBV in humanitarian contexts and mitigate its impact. Humanitarian agencies are often under-equipped to address GBV specifically or close gaps between services and accountability that have led directly to GBV, such as the exploitation of women in exchange for supplies by aid workers. To address this, the humanitarian donor community has begun investing in the building standards, guidelines, and capacities of humanitarian actors to better respond to the needs of women and girls in emergencies.

The Safe from the Start Act would support the State Department and USAID's ongoing work to protect and prevent violence against women and girls in humanitarian emergencies by codifying it, and providing Congressional oversight over its implementation.

I want to thank my colleagues, Representatives CHRIS STEWART, LOIS FRANKEL, MARIO DIAZ-BALART, and CHRIS HOULAHAN for leading this bill with me. I urge the rest of my colleagues to support this bill and look forward to its enactment.

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EXPANDING FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL  
OPIOID RESEARCH AND  
TREATMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. TROY BALDERSON**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2019*

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3153, the Expanding Findings for Federal Opioid Research and Treatment, or EFFORT Act. This bill is of particular importance to me, as I represent an area that has been devastated by the opioid crisis over the past decade, and I am privileged to speak today on the importance of this bill.

In my home state of Ohio, the rate of opioid-related deaths is more than double the national average. In this regard, Ohio ranks as one of the top-five states with the highest rates of opioid-related deaths. What's more alarming, however, is the rate at which the number of opioid overdoses have increased: twenty-eight percent from July 2016 through September 2017. That's barely more than a year during which opioid overdoses grew by nearly thirty percent. These statistics should terrify every parent, sibling, teacher, caregiver, and friend, because opioid addiction is not