

present, I would have voted “no.” I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 529, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, H.R. 1146, Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted, “nay.” I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 530, On Passage of H.R. 1146, Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye.”

RECOGNITION OF KAZIMIR
PULASKI

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a Polish and American hero: Kazimir Pulaski. Kazimir Pulaski was born in Warsaw, Poland on March 6, 1745, to Polish nobility. At only 15 years old, he joined the Polish resistance fighting against the Russian and Prussian forces that were threatening Poland's freedom. Forced into exile by the Russians, he left Poland for France and met Benjamin Franklin who was on a diplomatic mission in Paris securing support for the colonies in their revolutionary war against the British. Benjamin Franklin's description of how the colonies were rising up, fighting to be a new and independent nation, inspired Pulaski, and he volunteered to go fight alongside the colonists. When in America, Pulaski distinguished himself as a courageous fighter and military tactician. Congress appointed him Brigadier-General in charge of mounted brigades, and that led to Congress, in 1778, establishing the Cavalry and appointing General Pulaski as its leader. General Pulaski was known as a strong taskmaster, asking much of his men, and yet was also known to use his own personal money to ensure they had the finest equipment when Congress was slow in providing funds. On October 9, 1779, General Pulaski was mortally wounded while riding into the Battle of Savannah, hit by cannon fire. Please join me in honoring General Pulaski, who came to the United States with one purpose, to fight for our cause of independence, and who died on foreign soil, defending not just our liberty and justice, but also the greater principle of freedom.

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to voice my support for National Recovery Month.

Every September, we recognize the importance of increasing awareness and understanding of mental and substance use disorders as well as to honoring the individuals, over 23 million in the United States, who are in recovery.

My experience as the first registered nurse elected to Congress and a former chief psychiatric nurse allows me to examine our nation's healthcare priorities with experience and foresight. We must ensure that our families, communities, and health care systems have the necessary resources and support to effectively address mental health and substance use in our country.

There is much to be done to improve our country's access to treatment services for mental and substance use disorders, and I am determined to continue my work with my colleagues in Congress.

I urge my colleagues to support National Recovery Month.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SAINT
LAWRENCE SEAWAY RENAMING
BILL

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, today, our nation celebrates the 60th Anniversary of the opening of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation. On this anniversary, I am introducing legislation to add “Great Lakes” to the name of the Seaway.

This new name, the “Great Lakes” Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation will now reflect the Seaway's enormous role for connecting commerce, promoting economic development, and protecting national security across the nation.

In 1959, Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and U.S. President Eisenhower presided over festivities that marked the opening of the modern Great Lakes Saint Lawrence Seaway.

Sixty years later, the role of the seaway is just as crucial. A 2018 analysis by the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation found that commercial navigation that transits the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario sustains 92,661 jobs in the US, Canada, and supports almost \$13 billion in economic activity.

It is imperative that the United States continues to support the mission of the Seaway and ensure that it receives the recognition it deserves.

RECOGNIZING BAYLOR SCOTT &
WHITE THE HEART HOSPITAL—
PLANO

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Baylor Scott & White The Heart Hospital for being named the Physician Hospital of the Year by Physician Hospitals of America.

Located in Plano, Texas, The Heart Hospital ranks as one of the top performing cardiac surgical programs in the entire nation and provides Collin County with the highest level of cardiac health care.

Since opening in 2007, The Heart Hospital has worked day in and day out to save lives and ensure compassion to everyone who enters their system. Our community is proud to be the home of this state-of-the-art facility and its many astounding health care providers and staff.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating The Heart Hospital—Plano on their recent success and thanking them for all of their hard work.

PUERTO RICO'S MEDICAID
PROGRAM

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico. Madam Speaker, on September 19 the House passed a Continuing Resolution to give us additional time to agree on a funding package for Fiscal Year 2020 without the disruption caused by a government shutdown.

I am grateful to my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for including a provision to extend the application of the 100 percent FMAP to Puerto Rico's Medicaid Program for the next 7 weeks. We know that action was taken in recognition of the unfairness in which the Americans who live in the territories are treated by under our Medicaid program.

Federal spending for Puerto Rico's Medicaid program will likely reach the \$374 million-dollar cap before the expiration of the Continuing Resolution. Because of this, we must act quickly to approve H.R. 2328, which aligns the statutory spending cap with the actual program expenditures, in order to provide a more long-term solution for such an important federal program for our fellow Americans who depend on it.