

Violence Program Dinner hosted by the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services. The organization's commitment to supporting our Arab American community is worthy of commendation.

The Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) is the largest Arab American community nonprofit organization in the nation. Founded by a group of volunteers in 1971, ACCESS was created to help the Arab immigrant population adapt to life within the United States. Ever since, ACCESS has been devoted to promoting a just and equitable society where all can flourish. Today, with 11 locations, ACCESS provides community members a wide range of educational, social, economic, and health services to assist, improve, and empower people in need.

The 12th Annual Domestic Violence Program Dinner exemplifies ACCESS's continued commitment to assisting people in distress. Every year, the dinner brings countless community members together to raise proceeds to benefit survivors of domestic violence. In addition, the important program generates a greater awareness for the prevalence of domestic violence and its negative impacts on children, families, and even entire communities. ACCESS is a vital resource for people facing domestic violence, and the organization's annual dinner dedicated to empowering hundreds of survivors truly makes a difference in our community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services as they host their 12th Annual Domestic Violence Program Dinner. ACCESS's mission to assist, improve, and empower people in our community truly changes lives, and I am deeply appreciative of their remarkable work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I was absent due to a family emergency.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 571; NAY on Roll Call No. 572; YEA on Roll Call No. 573; NAY on Roll Call No. 574; YEA on Roll Call No. 575; YEA on Roll Call No. 576; and NAY on Roll Call No. 577.

OPIOID EPIDEMIC

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, the opioid epidemic and our efforts to

H.R. 6, the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, was a highlight for me last Congress.

Because it was a moment where Congress was focused on legislating and actually getting things done.

The House took 39 bipartisan bills, moved them through the legislative process, and gave

each member a chance to vote for or against them.

We didn't include any partisan, poison pills—we gave both sides an opportunity to legislate on an issue that doesn't see party lines and we got something done.

Now, we're seeing progress—the majority, 1.27 million Americans, are now receiving treatment for their addiction and we're seeing the overdose deaths decline in this country.

But we can't let up.

I am hoping we can repeat the success of this legislation—on many issues, including continuing to help communities fight opioid addiction.

This week, I'm introducing a bill that came from a local police officer in my district.

A police officer from the Normal Police Department was trying to track down a case of 'pharmacy shopping,' where someone had come down from Chicago and was trying to get an opioid prescription for someone else filled at multiple pharmacies.

But there was no way to track who had tried to fill this prescription because no ID is required to pick up these highly addictive pain killers.

My bill, the Opioid Prescription Verification Act, changes that by requiring pharmacists to record the ID of a person picking up an opioid prescription.

This is similar to ID requirements that were placed on Sudafed sales in 2005 to combat the meth epidemic.

I'm looking forward to hopefully passing this bill to continue fighting this epidemic from all angles.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT STEVEN DEFFIBAUGH, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2019 CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, it is my privilege to honor twelve distinguished military veterans from Texas' Third Congressional District who answered the call to serve their Nation honorably, both in uniform and following their return to civilian life. The recipients of the 2019 Congressional Veteran Commendation exemplify the time-honored qualities of patriotism, service before self, and bold leadership. Following their time in service, their efforts in our community have earned these fine individuals recognition as the recipients of this prestigious commendation. Their stories of sacrifice will encourage future generations to pursue a life dedicated to the very values we cherish as Americans: faith, freedom, and democracy. One such hero is Sergeant Steven Deffibaugh of Princeton, Texas.

A native of Borger, Texas, Sergeant Steven Deffibaugh served in the United States Marine Corps in the 5th Marine Division from 1969 to 1972. For his distinguished service to our Nation, he was awarded the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Marksman Rifle Badge. He received degrees from Grayson County College and Abilene Christian University at Dallas.

After returning from his time in service, Sergeant Deffibaugh chose to pursue a new ave-

nue of leadership in law enforcement, serving in both the Van Alstyne and McKinney Police Departments prior to working as a Collin County Deputy Sheriff. Mr. Deffibaugh would later begin a career as an investigator with the Collin County District Attorney's office where he would remain until his retirement in 2011. Due to his deep commitment in Collin County, he would also serve as Reserve Deputy Constable for Precinct 2. In addition to his stellar service in law enforcement, Mr. Deffibaugh also played a role as a volunteer fireman, County Fire Marshall, and Assistant Fire Chief for the City of Princeton until his retirement in 2018. Mr. Deffibaugh's leadership and commitment to his community was further reflected in his role as the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore of Princeton, and through his efforts as the President of the Princeton Community Development Corporation.

In his civic life, Mr. Deffibaugh has volunteered as a Scoutmaster, Little League Coach, and church deacon. He is also a founding member of the Jacob D. Hayes Marine Corps League, where he has tirelessly coordinated the Collin County Toys for Tots program and led the organization as the Chaplain. Sergeant Steven Deffibaugh has led a remarkable life of service to his community and is to be commended for his tireless efforts.

Today a grateful Nation thanks Sergeant Deffibaugh for his exceptional service and congratulates him on this recognition. May his steadfast example of leadership inspire others to live a life of service to a cause greater than themselves. It is my extreme honor to award him the 2019 Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, due to Ways & Means Committee business, I was unavoidably detained and missed the vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 573.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of Wayne County Parks. Its century of dedication to the Wayne County community is worthy of commendation, and it is my honor and privilege to recognize their important milestone today.

In 1919, Elizabeth Park in Trenton was donated to Wayne County by the children of Elizabeth Slocum. The acceptance of this donation marks the beginning of the Wayne County Park System, the first county park system in the state of Michigan. In the years and decades that followed, the county began to accumulate different outdoor locations throughout