

the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act being signed into law. The SUPPORT Act was the most comprehensive law ever enacted by Congress to take on a drug crisis—a bold response to an opioid epidemic that has affected every corner of our country.

The SUPPORT Act took big strides in addressing the crisis by expanding access to treatment and recovery services, providing communities with the tools and resources they need to be successful on the front lines, ensuring we have effective systems in place to keep these powerful drugs from getting into the wrong hands, and more.

I was proud to have my legislation, the Opioid Addiction Action Plan Act, included in the final package. My bill requires a comprehensive look at government practices—including reimbursement, coverage, and data collection—and allows us to find alternate methods of treating pain through innovation by making Medicare and Medicaid more flexible, adaptable, and focused on preventing and treating addiction.

The SUPPORT Act recognized that while this crisis has reached every zip code, a one-size-fits-all approach won't remedy the issue effectively, and that's where the role of community comes into play. I believe community is at the heart of many issues facing our nation right now and is a key component for those struggling with opioid addiction.

Having a support network and a sense of belonging is important to all of us, so it is imperative that on a community level we guide those who are fighting addiction, whether that be a family member, neighbor, or a compassionate stranger. The SUPPORT Act helps communities do just that, by propping up community organizations with technical or financial assistance, establishing peer support networks, and distributing best practices for those on the front lines within the community, like health professionals or law enforcement.

As a society, we must do better to ensure those who are struggling know that they are not alone, and that they have a team of support around them. The stigma surrounding substance use disorders is real and detrimental to those who need help or are trying to rebuild their lives. The language we use to talk about them is incredibly important to breaking the stigma. We wouldn't define a person with cancer or Parkinson's by their disease and addiction is no different.

The SUPPORT Act was a giant leap in the right direction, and while we are already seeing real results, we must continue to work together, from Congress down to the community leaders, to help those who are struggling and end this devastating crisis for good.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF MAJOR  
GENERAL RONALD HRANT  
MARKARIAN

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**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 28, 2019*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the life of Major General Ronald Hrant Markarian, who passed

away on October 12, 2019. Major General Markarian valiantly served our country for 46 years in the California Army National Guard and the Air Force.

Major General Markarian was born in Fresno, California on June 27, 1931 to Theodore and Rose Markarian. He graduated from Clovis High School and was a member of the California Cadet Core. While in high school, Major General Markarian joined the California National Guard. He was in the Heavy Mortar Company of the 185th Infantry Regiment for three years. He then attended California State University, Fresno. During that time, he enrolled in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. After graduation, Major General Markarian joined the United States Air Force. His assignments included duties such as B-47 and B-52 strategic bombers. In 1964 he completed his master's degree in public administration from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Major General Markarian was also Chief of Air Reconnaissance Operations in Southeast Asia. He flew 116 Reconnaissance missions during that time. One of his duty stations was in Hawaii and he served as the Pacific Air Forces Director of Plans and Programs. He was Commander of the 548th Reconnaissance Technical Group. Major General Markarian also worked for six years at the Pentagon and was the Chief of Air Reconnaissance Systems and Director of the United States Air Force Intelligence Reserve Forces.

After 30 years of military service, Major General Markarian retired in August 1980 as a Full Bird Colonel in the Air Force. His need to serve did not end at his retirement. In 1987, Major General Markarian was nominated by California Governor George Deukmejian to be appointed by President Ronald Reagan as California State Director for the Selective Service System. Later, Pete Wilson, Governor of California then appointed him to be the California Commission for the Commemoration of the Second World War. He was appointed Commanding General of the California State Reserve and later promoted to Major General in 1990. In 1994, he was appointed to the California Veterans Board. Major General Markarian retired with 46 years of uniformed military service in October of 1995 after he became a member of the California State Military Reserve.

Major General Markarian's commitment to public service and our country is truly remarkable and he was a key leader in the community in many capacities even after his military years. He was a founding member of the Central California Veterans Home Support Foundation (CCVHSF) and assisted in acquiring the land for the California Veterans Home in Fresno where he lived during the later years of his life. Major General Markarian was the president of Central California Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, American Red Cross and the Military Intelligence Corps Association.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Major General Ronald Hrant Markarian. His service to our nation and contributions to veterans in the Central Valley will not be forgotten.

CONGRATULATING CONGRESSMAN  
STEVE CHABOT

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**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 28, 2019*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Congressman STEVE CHABOT on the birth of his granddaughter, Keira Noelle Bischof, on October 21, 2019.

As a proud grandfather, I understand firsthand how exciting this joyous occasion is for Congressman CHABOT and his wife, Donna. Kiera will be welcomed home by her big brother, Reed.

My wife Alice and I extend our best wishes to the Chabot family as they celebrate their new addition. We wish them continued health and happiness.

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RECOGNIZING MELISSA "MISTY"  
GRANDEL, 2020 MISSOURI TEACHER  
OF THE YEAR

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**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 28, 2019*

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Melissa "Misty" Grandel for being named the 2020 Missouri Teacher of the Year.

If there is one thing people know about Misty, it's that she is a Missourian through and through. Generations of her family, including Misty, grew up in rural Webster County near the town of Fordland, Missouri. She attended Fordland High School and went on to study English at Drury University. After a few years into her teaching career, she was asked to teach at Fordland High School where she has been teaching for 21 years.

Misty knows the importance of education in a rural community. The Fordland School District serves 550 students, and over half of them qualify for free and reduced-price meals. Despite this statistic, 97 percent of students graduate on time, and 61 percent go on to attend college. This would not be possible without teachers like Misty who are passionate about their students and their community.

Misty doesn't just put in her time and go home. She goes above and beyond for the children of Fordland High School. Along with teaching six courses, she also sponsors after school and extracurricular activities including the Beta Club. Through her work with the Beta Club, she shares her passion for giving back to the community with her students.

Every day, Misty walks into her classroom not just to teach, but to instill lifelong values into the children of Fordland High School. She goes above and beyond for the children she teaches and the community she serves. She is well-deserving of this achievement, and we are proud to have her represent Missouri in the National Teacher of the Year program.

HONORING MRS. DOROTHY  
KATHERINE SPENCE BROWNING

**HON. MARTHA ROBY**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 28, 2019*

Mrs. ROBY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Dorothy K. Spence Browning for her service in the Navy WAVES during World War II.

Dorothy was born on January 2, 1922, in Great Falls, Montana. She grew up running an apple orchard with her family in Glenn's Ferry, Idaho. Later, she attended college at the University of Idaho and then began teaching in a one-room school house in Pocatello, Idaho.

When the war broke out, Dorothy joined the Navy WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service). The Navy WAVES were created in 1942, following the signing of the Women's Reserve Act. This landmark legislation allowed women to serve as an official part of the Navy for the first time and helped pave the way for the future of women in the United States Armed Forces. The numerous contributions from the WAVES proved to be a vital asset to winning the war.

Dorothy served in Brooklyn, New York, Stillwater, Oklahoma, Seattle, Washington, and then finally discharged at Klamath Falls, Oregon. While living in Oregon Dorothy met her husband John H. Browning. John was a young marine from Mobile, AL, who served two tours in Okinawa and Guadalcanal and later received a purple heart for the wounds he suffered.

The couple later moved to Montgomery, AL, where they went on to raise their three children Phillip, Steve, and Kathy. Dorothy was a tutor for several local elementary schools, taught Sunday school at Perry Hill United Methodist Church, and would sew and craft Raggedy Ann dolls that she would donate to the church bazaar and local charities in Montgomery.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to honor Mrs. Browning's legacy and her service to our nation. Her contributions to secure and maintain our freedom will not be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LLOYD SMUCKER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 28, 2019*

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call No. 579; Nay on Roll Call No. 580; YEA on Roll Call No. 581; YEA on Roll Call No. 582; NAY on Roll Call No. 583; and YEA on Roll Call No. 584.

CELEBRATING THE REVIVAL OF  
THE REX THEATRE

**HON. CHRIS PAPPAS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 28, 2019*

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the re-opening of the Rex The-

atre in Manchester, New Hampshire. After 30 years of inactivity, the Rex will re-open its doors to Manchester and the rest of the Granite State.

Opened in 1940, the Rex Theatre served as a performance venue until it closed in 1989. In early 2019, after 30 years, the Manchester Development Corporation and Palace Theatre Trust, in collaboration with the City of Manchester, embarked on the tall task of renovating the original location of the Rex with the goal of re-opening in the fall. Only nine months after groundbreaking, the Rex is now re-opening on time and on budget.

The re-opening of the Rex will continue Manchester's recent growth as a center for innovation and creativity. As a lifelong Manchester resident, I am excited to see the return of this historic Theatre. Venues like the Rex Theatre help us showcase the many creative, passionate, and talented people who call New Hampshire home. I am proud to see investment in our local economy and in the arts in the Granite State through projects such as the revival of the Rex.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate the Manchester Development Corporation and the Palace Theatre Trust on a successful renovation of the Rex Theatre. Let us celebrate the revival of this historic theater and those who work hard every day to make New Hampshire such a wonderful place to live, learn, and enjoy the arts.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FOUNDING OF KING GEORGE COUNTY

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 28, 2019*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 300th Anniversary of the founding of King George County in Virginia, taking place on November 15, 2019.

The area we know as King George has a long and storied history that is integral to the overall history and development of America's government and way of life as we know it today. Its history stretches back over 10,000 years with its settlement by Native Americans, through Captain John Smith's explorations in the early 1600's, through the French and Indian Wars, Bacon's Rebellion, the Whiskey Rebellion, the American Revolution, the Civil War, World War I, the Great Depression, World War II and into the modern era. King George has been the birthplace and childhood home of Presidents, and home to some of the very founders of our great Nation.

King George County has served as the home of one of the country's great military and research development centers for over 100 years, as well as functioned as a focal point for commerce and trade for our nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the founding of King George County. Words cannot express how grateful we are to have a place with such history in the founding of our great Nation. May God bless King George County and its residents, and continue to prosper for another 300 years.

CONGRATULATING HUGH HALPERN

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 28, 2019*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I congratulate Hollidaysburg native, Hugh Halpern, on his appointment to be the Director of the Government Publishing Office.

Mr. Halpern previously served as the Director of Floor Operations in the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and spent more than 30 years in the House before retiring in January of this year. During his tenure, he served as the Staff Director of the powerful House Rules Committee among other committee roles.

Throughout his career in Congress, Mr. Halpern was dedicated to working in a bipartisan manner, garnering the support and respect of House leadership, Members of Congress, and their staff. In recognition of his many achievements, he received the McCormack Award of Excellence for Congressional Employees.

Mr. Halpern has dedicated his life of service to our country, and I am confident that he will continue his outstanding work at the Government Publishing Office. There is no one better to fill this position, and I wish him the best of luck as he commences this new chapter.

HONORING THE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF ORANGE COUNTY ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PROGRAM

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 28, 2019*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in observation of Energy Awareness Month to honor the work of the Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAP OC) Energy & Environmental Services Program.

CAP OC has been weatherizing homes and providing utility assistance for Orange County residents for more than 40 years.

Of the energy funds allocated between 2014 and 2018 to the 34 cities in Orange County, CAP OC has invested more than 35 percent into California's 46th Congressional District, which includes portions of Anaheim, Orange, Garden Grove and Santa Ana. Among those served in CA-46 by CAP OC were 6,659 disabled persons, 9,677 seniors, and 3,504 children under the age of 5.

During this same period, CAP OC issued more than \$5 million in utility assistance for over 14,000 homes in the 46th District and underwrote over \$1.5 million in weatherization services with improvements to 1,000 dwellings.

This investment has provided an economic boost for low-income individuals by lowering energy costs and reducing or eliminating late fees, thus assuring less dependency on public assistance.

In 2019, CAP OC is projected to weatherize a total of 330 homes in Orange County and invest a total of \$1.8 million into services that reduce energy costs by 30 percent on average