

constituents do not get the care they need due to skyrocketing costs. Too many seniors can't afford their prescriptions, and they are cutting their pills in half to stretch their medicine. Too many young people cannot afford the insurance premiums to even get access to a doctor.

At the beginning of this Congress, I met with stakeholders in my district to solicit their help. I will continue to support the Affordable Care Act and oppose Republicans' attempts to dismantle this critical legislation, because if Republicans had their way, nearly 30 million Americans would lose their healthcare—an unconscionable and sobering statistic.

I am proud to cosponsor H.R. 3, the Lower Drug Costs Now Act.

Mr. Speaker, I am fighting for the people of the Third Congressional District of Ohio.

CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JANE PAULEY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The Jane Pauley Community Health Center, with locations across Indiana, on 10 years of helping patients of all ages and backgrounds in need of care.

Founded in 2009, these healthcare centers continue to service communities across the Sixth District, providing affordable healthcare to Hoosiers. The Jane Pauley Community Centers embody the spirit of humanity and altruism by serving those in need, regardless of the patients' ability to pay.

Congratulations on a decade of service.

CONGRATULATING THE NEW CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the New Castle High School women's volleyball team for winning the 2019 class 4A State volleyball championship. This marks New Castle's third year in a row on achieving this tremendous victory.

The coaching staff and players' hard work have brought pride to the New Castle community. Congratulations to the Trojans, and a great job on the three-peat.

CONGRATULATING THE GREENFIELD-CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Greenfield-Central High School marching band for winning the class B Indiana State championship.

I recently visited Greenfield-Central High School and was able to meet some of the band members and see their incredible facilities firsthand. The 160-member Cougar Pride Marching Band spent hours every day working toward this goal, and it is an accomplishment they are sure to remember for the rest of their lives.

I congratulate the Cougars on their awesome achievement.

CONGRATULATING BARBARA HINKLE

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Barbara Hinkle of Connersville for receiving the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Respect Life Award.

As a member of the St. Gabriel parish, Barbara started the Compassionate Visitors and Vigil Keepers Group, which serves local nursing homes. Barbara started the group to bring, as she said, "joy and hope to the lonely and peace and comfort to the dying."

I congratulate Barbara on her award and thank her for her servant's heart.

CONGRATULATING MUNCIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation for the Muncie Public Library receiving the Historic Preservation Education Grant.

The funds from Indiana Humanities, in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities, will be used to help the library share its history and preservation needs with the public.

Carnegie Library was the first library building in Muncie and one of the first to be built in Indiana on a full donation from Andrew Carnegie. This facility serves as an icon of history and a modern workspace and receives my full support in Congress.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF AMERICORPS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. BERA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to talk about one of the great service-based programs in America, the AmeriCorps program.

Since 1994, more than 1.1 million Americans have served in AmeriCorps. Today, more than 75,000 AmeriCorps members serve each year at over 21,000 locations across the country, including nonprofits, schools, public education agencies, and community and faith-based groups.

AmeriCorps members come from all across this country. They are young men and women looking to learn leadership and give back to our country and our communities.

They serve critical needs like fighting poverty, sustaining national parks, responding to and preparing for disasters, and mentoring youth.

They mobilize and coordinate millions of volunteers to serve alongside them, which promotes a lasting impact on the volunteers and the communities that they serve.

I was recently fortunate to speak at the induction ceremony for the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps, one of three AmeriCorps programs. AmeriCorps NCCC members are assigned to one of four regional campuses, one being Sacramento, California, the district I represent.

Before becoming AmeriCorps members, the inductees have to take the

AmeriCorps member pledge; and, as I read that pledge, I thought this is something that we ought to think about as Members of Congress.

Mr. Speaker, let me read that pledge to you right now. It says:

I will get things done for America, to make our people safer, smarter, and healthier.

I will bring Americans together to strengthen our communities.

Faced with apathy, I will take action.

Faced with conflict, I will seek common ground.

Faced with adversity, I will persevere.

I will carry this commitment with me this year and beyond.

I am an AmeriCorps member, and I will get things done.

Imagine, if these young Americans can take that pledge, what if we just changed that last line to "I am a Member of Congress, and I will get things done"?

We can learn something from these young people. Let's come together as a body. Let's emulate what we are teaching that next generation, and let's get things done, Congress.

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RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SMUCKER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize November as National Adoption Awareness Month.

According to the Adoption Network, one out of every 25 families in the United States has an adopted child. That means adoption has directly touched the lives of one-third of the U.S. population.

Yet, despite the widespread impact of adoption, many more children still need a loving home. The average child waits for an adoptive family for more than 3 years, and nearly 115,000 children are waiting to find their forever home. We can do better.

Many barriers prevent these children from being placed in loving homes. They include the high and often unpredictable cost of adoption, and families and birth mothers simply not having enough information about the option of adoption.

To reduce these barriers and help support increased adoption placement, I recently introduced the Improving Adoption Outcomes and Affordability Act. My legislation provides assistance to State or local governments, public and private adoption agencies, faith-based organizations, and eligible nonprofits for the purpose of improving adoption education, providing prebirth counseling assistance to birth mothers choosing adoption, and helping to cover mental health or substance abuse treatments to mothers struggling with addiction and other personal challenges during pregnancy.

Not only will this increased education and counseling improve the outcome of the adoption for both birth