HONORING DYLAN MONTGOMERY EVANS

HON. SAM GRAVES
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dylan Montgomery Evans. Dylan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America. Troop 115, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. Dylan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Dylan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Dylan has Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Dylan has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Dylan constructed two signs that can be removed and replaced as needed for Wesley United Methodist Church in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Dylan Montgomery Evans for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, each year in September, designated as Hydrocephalus Awareness Month, hydrocephalus patients, caregivers, and other supporters across the country work together to raise awareness of the impact and prevalence of hydrocephalus and urge public and medical officials to garner more resources to improve treatment protocols and one day find a cure. As we all know, COVID–19 and its inherent social distancing requirements have limited many public awareness activities, but this past month members of the Hydrocephalus Association and the Pediatric Hydrocephalus Foundation, and other active supporters, adjusted and relied on social media and other venues to share statistics, brochures and personal stories to enhance awareness of this condition.

As the co-chair of the Congressional Pediatric and Adult Hydrocephalus Caucus, I call on all my colleagues in the House to take the time and learn more about hydrocephalus so we can better assist our constituents and their family members who live with challenges of hydrocephalus every day. Hydrocephalus is colloquially known as “water on the brain.” In truth, the condition is caused by an abnormal build-up of cerebrospinal fluid and is treated only by surgically implanting a drainage shunt in the brain. Everyone, from babies to the elderly, can develop hydrocephalus. While some cases are congenital, many cases are caused by a traumatic brain injury, an infection, or even just develop as part of the aging process.

Hospitals across the country work to serve the over one million adults with hydrocephalus, including the New Neurons Neurosurgery Institute (NNNI), located in my district in Spring Lake, New Jersey. NNNI’s pediatrics division plays a critical role in addressing the needs of thousands of children with hydrocephalus in New Jersey and across the country. Nationwide, over 400,000 babies a year are born with hydrocephalus.

Through their compassion, skills, and critical expertise dedicated medical professionals such as those at NNNI save lives every day.

United States citizens are not alone in their struggles with this condition. Unfortunately, the global situation is even worse, which is why I’ve introduced the Global Brain Health Act, which adds hydrocephalus to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. This approach would ensure more robust foreign assistance for treating those infants and children in developing countries with hydrocephalus and other brain health-related conditions. It also fosters study in treatment protocols that can be shared here at home.

It’s essential for Members of Congress to better understand this condition and its profound impact on the people we represent. I urge my colleagues to join the bipartisan Congressional Adult and Pediatric Hydrocephalus Caucus. As a member you will not only help raise awareness but may also play a role in creating public policies that lead to better treatments and hopefully a cure.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 6

10 a.m. Committee on the Judiciary
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Crossfire Hurricane investigation.