EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4176, LGBTQI+ DATA INCLUSION ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5585, ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY–HEALTH ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 7666, RESTORING HOPE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING ACT OF 2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, in his State of the Union Address this year, President Biden laid out his powerful ''Unity Agenda.''

This inspiring vision encompassed areas of broad bipartisan agreement on four of the biggest challenges we face.

And today, I proudly rise in support of legislation that forges important progress on three of the President's ambitious and unifying goals:

improving mental health and addressing the opioid epidemic, with the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act;

and intensifying the fight against cancer, with the Advanced Research Projects Agency–Health Act.

Today, the House will pass a package of critical resources to address our Nation's twin crises of mental health and the substance use disorders.

The CDC estimates that more than half of American adults will be diagnosed with a mental illness or disorder at some point in their lifetime.

At the same time, more than two million Americans suffer from an opioid use disorder—and our Nation has seen a 30 percent spike in overdose deaths from 2019 to 2020.

Families and communities are being torn apart—and we must act now.

Our Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act strengthens and expands more than 30 essential, life-saving initiatives: from crisis response, including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline; to treatments helping combat the opioid epidemic; and to behavioral health services for our children, to name just a few.

Let us salute the unyielding leaders of the Bipartisan Addiction and Mental Health Task Force: who have moved us all with their powerful personal stories of these issues have touched their lives.

And thank you to Energy & Commerce Chairman FRANK PALLONE for helping steer this crucial package to the Floor.

At the same time, the House will today pass legislation to supercharge our Nation's Cancer Moonshot.

Our hearts break for the hundreds of thousands of American families each year who lose a loved one to the scourge of cancer.

Six years ago, then-Vice President Biden inspired our Nation with his bold and personal leadership in the fight to defeat cancer.

And this year, as President, he has proudly reignited this ambitious initiative: redoubling our Nation's efforts to slash the cancer death rate in half over the next 25 years.

Thanks to the determined leadership of Congresswoman ANNA ESHOO, the ARPA–H Act will accelerate innovation in medicine and technology: harnessing the power of American ingenuity; and fueling new breakthroughs in the search for a cure.

In doing so, we will take an important step to save lives—not only from cancer, but from additional devastating diseases such as ALS, Alzheimer's and diabetes.

In his inspiring State of the Union Address last March, President Biden called on the Congress to ''show the Nation that we can come together and do big things.''

And today, the House proudly answers that call—with strong, popular legislation that the American people want and deserve.

So I urge all Members to join together in a strong ''aye'' vote for these bipartisan bills, so we can prove that Congress still works For The People.

RECOGNIZING NAVAL AIR STATION LEMOORE

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Naval Air Station (NAS) Lemoore on its 60th anniversary.

Construction of the Naval Air Base in 1960 brought an important military presence to the Central Valley. On July 8, 1961, thousands came to witness the commissioning of the base, as it became the largest air station on the West Coast. For the next sixty years, NAS Lemoore has been a fixture in the community.

Throughout its history, NAS Lemoore has been critical to the United States Military. The base has trained thousands of Navy pilots since its opening and has been a consistent source of innovation and testing of the newest military equipment. In 1998, NAS Lemoore was chosen to host the latest in Navy aircraft technology, the F/A 18 E/F Super Hornet, and in 2017, the F–35 Lightning II onsite. Today, NAS Lemoore is the Navy's largest master jet base.

NAS Lemoore has not only been vital to the U.S. Military, but it has also been a source of public service for Valley residents. Over the past sixty years, the base has hosted job fairs, partnered with the non-profit group Habitat for Humanity to build homes for veterans, and has hosted air shows featuring the Blue Angels among many other community-centered events.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 60th anniversary of Naval Air Station Lemoore.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN PATSY MINK OF HAWAII ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF TITLE IX

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join so many others in honoring the life and legacy of U.S. Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink and the 50th Anniversary of her signature stamp on our nation, Title IX.

Born in Paia, Hawaii, Congresswoman Mink was a true pioneer in so many areas: the first female elected class president at Maui High School, the first Japanese-American woman admitted to the Hawaii bar in 1953, and the first woman of color ever elected to this body.

She experienced many firsts throughout her life but spent her career ensuring that she would not be the last. She is best remembered as the principal author of Title IX, where she fought successfully to end the gender discrimination in academics and athletics in federally funded education that she and so many others had endured.

A half century later, we see the results of her labor with nearly three million young women participating in high school sports across the country and 1.1 million female college graduates every year. For this, we owe her an immense amount of gratitude.

But it would be a true mistake to remember her only for this one singular accomplishment, for over her long and productive career she fought endlessly on so many fronts to end poverty, discrimination and injustice, advance the inherent right of all peoples and realize a more perfect union. And, as a true keiki o ka aina, child of the land, she always stayed true to her roots and her Hawaii home.

Mahalo nui loa, or thank you very much, on behalf of a grateful Nation and home.

CELEBRATING 165 YEARS OF BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the one hundred and sixty-five years of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church located in Ann Arbor, Michigan as they host the Michigan Annual Conference of the Fourth Episcopal District of AME Churches. Their over one hundred and fifty years of service and dedication to our community is worthy of commendation.

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