

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5551, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion are postponed.

CARDIOVASCULAR ADVANCES IN RESEARCH AND OPPORTUNITIES LEGACY ACT

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1193) to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to direct the Director of the National Institutes of Health, in consultation with the Director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, shall establish a program under which the Director of the National Institutes of Health shall support or conduct research on valvular heart disease, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1193

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Cardiovascular Advances in Research and Opportunities Legacy Act”.

SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR VALVULAR HEART DISEASE RESEARCH.

Subpart 2 of part C of title IV of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285b et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 424C (42 U.S.C. 285b-7c) the following:

“SEC. 424D. GRANTS FOR VALVULAR HEART DISEASE RESEARCH.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National Institutes of Health, in consultation with the Director of the Institute, shall support or conduct research regarding valvular heart disease.

“(b) SUPPORT GUIDELINES.—The distribution of funding authorized under subsection (a) may be used to pursue the following outcomes:

“(1) Using precision medicine and advanced technological imaging to generate data on individuals with valvular heart disease.

“(2) Identifying and developing a cohort of individuals with valvular heart disease and available data.

“(3) Corroborating data generated through clinical trials to develop a prediction model to distinguish individuals at high risk for sudden cardiac arrest or sudden cardiac death from valvular heart disease.

“(4) For other outcomes needed to acquire necessary data on valvular heart disease.

“(c) MITRAL VALVE PROLAPSE WORKSHOP.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this section, the Director of the Institute shall convene a workshop composed of subject matter experts and stakeholders to identify research needs and opportunities to develop prescriptive guidelines for treatment of individuals with mitral valve prolapse.

“(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.”.

SEC. 3. PROGRAMS OF CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

Part B of title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 243 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 312 the following section:

“SEC. 312A. PREVENTION OF SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH AS A RESULT OF VALVULAR HEART DISEASE.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, may carry out projects to increase education, awareness, or diagnosis of valvular heart disease and to reduce the incidence of sudden cardiac death caused by valvular heart disease. Such projects may be carried out by the Secretary directly or through awards of grants or contracts to public or non-profit private entities. The Secretary may directly (or through such awards) provide technical assistance with respect to the planning, development, and operation of such projects.

“(b) CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.—Upon availability of applicable data, projects carried out under subsection (a) may include—

“(1) continuing the activities at the Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention, including those related to valvular heart disease;

“(2) broadening the awareness of the public concerning the risk factors for, the symptoms of, and the public health consequences of valvular heart disease; and

“(3) enhancing surveillance of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests to improve patient outcomes.

“(c) GRANT PRIORITIZATION.—The Secretary may, in awarding grants or entering into contracts pursuant to subsection (a), give priority to entities seeking to carry out projects that target populations most impacted by valvular heart disease.

“(d) COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary shall ensure that activities under this section are coordinated, as appropriate, with other agencies of the Public Health Service that carry out activities regarding valvular heart disease.

“(e) BEST PRACTICES.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall—

“(1) collect and analyze the findings of research conducted with respect to valvular heart disease; and

“(2) taking into account such findings, publish on the website of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention best practices for physicians and other health care providers who provide care to individuals with valvular heart disease.”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) and the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 1193.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, valvular heart disease is a rising health threat to many otherwise healthy people. Each year, more than 25,000 Americans lose their lives

to valvular heart disease, and they are predominantly young women. Unfortunately, the disease's reach is only increasing with more than 5 million diagnoses each year.

Despite this rising incidence, there is so much that we do not know about valvular heart disease. Specifically, we do not have a good understanding about what makes the disease life-threatening.

Today, we are taking an important step to address this gap by considering H.R. 1193, the CAROL Act. I commend Representative BARR for introducing this legacy bill in honor of his late wife, Carol, who died unexpectedly in June of 2020 from an underlying valvular heart disease condition. This bill will help other families avoid the same tragedy his family has faced.

The CAROL Act will expand research on valvular heart disease and its treatment by authorizing a grant program administered by the National Institutes of Health in collaboration with the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. It will also require the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to carry out projects to increase education, awareness, and diagnosis of valvular heart disease and to reduce cardiac deaths caused by valvular heart disease.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1193, the Cardiovascular Advances and Opportunities Legacy Act, or the CAROL Act, introduced by my good friend and fellow Kentuckian, Representative ANDY BARR.

Mr. Speaker, Congress is like a family, and we certainly laugh together and we certainly argue with each other, but there are times we cry with each other. I will never forget the phone call that I received from ROBERT ADERHOLT telling me that Carol Barr, who was a wonderful woman, wonderful wife, and wonderful mother, had passed away.

Our friend and colleague, Representative ANDY BARR, has introduced this bill to honor his wife, who passed away from mitral valve prolapse.

Heart disease continues to be the leading cause of death for most demographic groups in the United States. Over 600,000 Americans die from heart disease each year. This is equal to one person every 36 seconds.

We know that taking early action is critical to surviving a heart condition. People need to know the warning signs and symptoms. Understanding the gaps in education and information sharing will help the healthcare system better detect these warning signs.

This bill authorizes grants administered by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute to support research on valvular heart disease and convenes subject matter experts to identify research opportunities to develop more

informed treatment guidelines for patients with valvular heart disease.

It also instructs the CDC to increase public awareness about the symptoms associated with valvular heart disease and effective strategies for preventing sudden cardiac arrest.

This bill will provide timely investments to adequately inform others about valvular heart disease and ultimately save lives.

Mr. Speaker, as I said, every 36 seconds, one person dies from heart disease. It is a life; it is a wife; it is a mother; it is Carol Barr. That is who we are here today to honor. We should use the horrible tragedy that the Barrs have gone through to prevent other families from going through the same thing.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Miss RICE), a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Miss RICE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the CAROL Act, which I am proud to co-lead with my friend, Representative ANDY BARR, which will fund critical breakthroughs in our understanding of valvular heart disease.

Millions of Americans live with some form of valvular heart disease, and most of them go their entire lives without a serious issue or incident. But over 25,000 people die in this country from this condition every single year.

Last year, ANDY's wife, Carol, tragically passed away from a heart valve condition called mitral valve prolapse.

The CAROL Act will honor Carol's life by creating a new grant program administered by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute to fund valvular heart disease research.

Our hope is that this research will improve our knowledge of this poorly understood condition and one day produce a cure that will prevent other families from having to endure the same tragedy that befell the Barr family. I cannot think of a more beautiful tribute to Carol's life than that.

ANDY, I commend you and your family for your incredible strength and for turning your grief into action. It was my honor to join you on this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman PALLONE, Chairwoman ESHOO, Ranking Member RODGERS, and Ranking Member GUTHRIE for bringing this critical bill to the floor. I urge all members to support it today.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I almost always enjoy when the Republican leader comes to Kentucky, whether it is going to see Corvettes or the Abraham Lincoln birthplace. Unfortunately, we got to spend time together honoring Carol when we attended her funeral in Lexington.

I know he was a dear friend of Carol's. He is not just our Republican leader, but he was a dear friend of hers as well.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCARTHY), the Republican leader.

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my friend for yielding, and I want to thank him for his friendship and his work.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation. I want to thank Congressman BARR for his leadership in bringing this legislation to the floor in a strong bipartisan way. I am proud to support the CAROL Act in honor of ANDY's lovely wife, the late Carol Barr.

Like everyone who knew her, we know the moment and where we were when we heard of her passing. It was sudden. It was unexpected. It was something no one ever thought could happen.

If you ever met her, you were her friend. She was a kind and graceful person with a heart for service. As I speak today, I remember her laugh.

Throughout her own career and working with ANDY, Carol devoted her time and energy to giving back to the community. She had a service heart. It was all about the Sixth District.

I met her years ago. I met her when she first knew ANDY, before either daughter was born. I was able to watch them grow and watch the look in their mom's eyes.

I remember one time when we were there, she was holding Eleanor. Eleanor was showing me her parade wave.

Carol led a highly respected career in sales at Pfizer. She served as executive director for the Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship; and she volunteered at the Junior League of Lexington and the University of Kentucky's College of Communication and Information National Advisory Board.

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Her faith, her patriotism, and her generosity toward her neighbors were manifest. For those who attended the time to honor her life, speaker after speaker after speaker could tell you the moment in time that Carol walked into their life. The interesting part when they told it, their life got better, but Carol never walked out of their life. That was the interesting part.

Oh, how she loved ANDY and her two beautiful girls, Eleanor and Mary Clay.

This disease strikes you at a time you don't even know. You just come back from doing something most all of us do—the family photos, even getting ready for a campaign. You look at her face, and you look at the children's faces.

And you know ANDY. Carol did all the work. Carol prepared everybody. ANDY is a great legislator, but Carol made everything happen.

I love when I meet people early on. I always ask, how did you first meet? I asked ANDY and Carol. ANDY would tell you the story. He saw her, and he could tell you the moment it happened. He had a plan. His plan, he had it all mapped out. He was going to ask for her business card. He just didn't realize she didn't have one.

The problem with ANDY is, he didn't have a backup plan. But the great thing about it is, God had already taken care of this. God already had a plan for ANDY and Carol. Eight weeks later, he brought them back together again. This time, ANDY didn't let her get away. They were married for more than 13 years.

I cannot tell you the loss we feel. ANDY feels it every day. The community feels it every day. There is not a day that goes by that we don't pray for him and the girls. There are times when I would pick up, just call and check on him. I remember doing it recently. He said it was a good weekend. He took the girls, just the girls and him, and went to the place that the Barr family would always go to. It was in the woods. It was a time of reflection.

There are others in this body that have had to deal with this type of loss, a loss in their own family. We all know the different ways to suffer. We are all familiar with the five different stages of grief—the denial, the anger, the bargaining, the depression, and the acceptance.

ANDY didn't have time for any of them. ANDY channeled his grief into what I believe is the sixth stage, the lawmaker, and he did something important, working to honor Carol today but save lives for everybody else in the future.

We are going to do work today that most people when they talk about Congress wish we did every day. There is not going to be partisanship. I think if you met Carol, it didn't matter what side of the aisle you were on. It would be harder to attack ANDY. We are going to save lives for the future, and that is exactly what this bill does, Madam Speaker. It saves lives.

More than 25,000 Americans die from valvular heart disease every year. Many, like Carol, show no outward signs. You don't have a warning. You kiss your spouse good-bye, and you are going to go down the street. The next thing, something goes wrong.

Too often, the diagnosis comes down to luck. Carol got an indication, but we had COVID. We said to wait to have a procedure.

We must do better. Our doctors and families deserve to have better information so they can make the right decisions about treatment. The CAROL Act will help get them the information by providing \$20 million in research grants to study valvular heart problems.

ANDY, your work to pass this bill in honor of Carol has truly been an inspiration to all of us. Of all the moments that I had an opportunity to spend with them, I always reflect on this one. Like many of you, collectively, we will do a trip to Israel, legislatively, foreign policy. There was this moment in the trip—and you know the trip. It is filled with meetings after meetings after meetings. You are in a different time zone, and it gets tiring. You are up early until late at night.

Carol would always be smiling. We were visiting this one facility with the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus had spoken. I remember standing next to her, reading the story in the Bible. I remember her smile. More importantly, I remember her love for all.

I know she is with us today. I know she is proud of ANDY. She is proud of Eleanor and Mary Clay. Her work and life on this Earth was not long, but her impact was great.

Today, what we are doing is right. Today, what we are doing is going to make tomorrow better.

ANDY, your dedication, which is so ably represented in this important bill, is a fitting tribute to Carol. She had a heart for service. Anyone who knew her will tell you that. Today, we are going to honor her memory, and we are going to salute you. We are going to salute that Carol made a difference yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

She will not be forgotten, be it through the caring, the sweetness, the kindness of her daughters; but, more importantly, the love and respect of her husband, who, in a very tragic situation, could go a lot of different paths. But I know he wondered what Carol would want to be done, and that is exactly what he did. He put himself in a position to make the world better and to make fewer families to have that same call.

I respect everybody I serve with. People go through a lot of challenges. There are very few people in my life who I have ever witnessed the dignity and the respect and the honor that ANDY has given to Carol for her life and her memory.

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. PANETTA).

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support the bipartisan CAROL Act and my good friend, Representative ANDY BARR, and so many others in this Nation who either have valvular heart disease or have lost loved ones to this disease.

The CAROL Act is necessary now more than ever, as each year 25,000 Americans lose their lives to this often hidden yet very deadly deficiency of the human heart.

This legislation would help prevent those deaths by authorizing grant programs at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute that will not only bolster research on heart valve disease but also will help identify those with this disease so that they can treat this disease before it is too late.

On behalf of the very fruitful life lived by Carol Barr, on behalf of the future fulfilled lives of Mary Clay and Eleanor Barr, I not only support the CAROL Act, but I, and I urge my colleagues to, stand in solidarity with ANDY BARR to give him our vote and the full strength to fulfill Carol's legacy and to continue carrying the torch so that those with this disease can continue living their lives to the fullest.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from

Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE), the Republican whip.

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I rise with a heavy heart but in strong support of this legislation, the CAROL Act.

Clearly, if you look at the policy, we are here today to expand research on valvular heart disease to help save more lives, but we are also here to pay tribute to Carol Barr and talk about a special person that we were blessed to know.

Carol was one of those people who would light up a room. I was blessed to be in many of those rooms with ANDY and Carol and their two beautiful daughters. Then, we got the news. It was news that you don't wish upon anybody, but to watch how Andy has carried on a legacy since then, obviously caring for Carol's legacy, caring for those two beautiful young daughters, but then turning it into something bigger with the CAROL Act.

This legislation is going to help some of those 25,000 Americans who lose their lives every year to valvular heart disease, many of them young women like Carol.

Hopefully, we can prevent others from having to go through what ANDY went through and what all of us went through because, while we battle on the day-to-day issues, we care about each other. We are family in many ways. We spend a lot of time here together. We get to know each other personally.

I got to know ANDY. I was in charge of recruiting in 2012, and he was the first recruit that I called. We hit it off from day one and just developed an incredible friendship. With friendships like that, you get to know the families of the people that we serve with. Every time you were in a room with ANDY and Carol and their family, it was just a special, special time.

I know so many of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle who are expressing those same passions. At least we get to channel this into something positive that can help other people.

ANDY, your strength in her death serves as a constant tribute to Carol's life. Carol used to have a saying. She would say, "Just get it done." Today, we are going to get something special done in honor of an incredibly special person.

I am sure they have C-SPAN in Heaven, and I know Carol is watching right now, as she is so proud of the strength you have exhibited. But today, she knows that her name is also going to be attached to something that is going to save lives for years to come.

God bless ANDY, his beautiful daughters, and Carol.

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time, as we hear from the Republican Members.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. BARR), my good friend.

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of an issue that is obviously very personal to me, my legislation, the Cardiovascular Advances in Research and Opportunities Legacy Act, or the CAROL Act.

I am just overwhelmed and so grateful to my friends and colleagues on both sides of the aisle. I thank them for their kindness, their kind words about Carol, and their advocacy for this very important legislation.

I do ask for the indulgence of the House and my colleagues to speak about a topic that is very personal. I have become, unfortunately, very passionate about it.

My life and my girls' lives were changed forever when we lost Carol, who was my best friend, and that was a sudden cardiac event on June 16, 2020. She was only 39 years old. This was just a few weeks before her 40th birthday.

The end of her life didn't define her life. When people hear about the CAROL Act, I want them to know not just about the legislation. I want them to know about Carol, the woman who inspires it, because so much of her life really continues to make a positive impact on all of us.

First of all, Carol was obviously a beautiful person, but her beauty on the outside was not as much as it was on the inside, as beautiful as she was as a person.

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She was an amazing friend and daughter and wife. She was so supportive. Everybody who serves in this body knows it takes so much support from a spouse, and I witnessed that every day both in this job and out of this job and in the 12 years that we were married.

She was a supporter. She was a selfless giver. And she was a giver not just to me and my girls, she was a selfless person with everyone, with her friends, with her family. She was always going out of her way to do for others and put others ahead of herself.

Professionally she was incredibly accomplished. She worked in the pharmaceutical industry. She was a planner, a list maker, a detailed organizer, which was great for me because I wasn't any of those things. She complemented me. She kept me going. She kept me on time and organized. I was not a list maker, and she was. She was a go-getter.

As my friend, Whip SCALISE, said, she had this great saying, and she said it to me the weekend before she passed away: "Just get it done."

But of course, her greatest legacy was her motherhood. She was defined by her motherhood of our girls, Eleanor and Mary Clay. She was the best mother in the world. Now, she only had 9 and 7 years, but she packed it in, and she left a great mark on those kids, and they are her greatest legacy. I am so proud of our girls. And my youngest, Mary Clay, always says: "Daddy, when

you give those speeches, why don't you talk about me? And, Mary Clay, I am talking about you, and I am talking about your sister, Eleanor, right now because you are your mother. You shine through, and your mother will continue to shine through you all.

So what is Carol's story?

At a young age, in seventh grade, she was diagnosed with an underlying condition called mitral valve prolapse or floppy valve syndrome. This is a typically benign condition that results in sudden cardiac death in only 0.2 percent of the cases.

The odds were decidedly in her favor, and she knew that, and she talked about that, and her physicians talked about that. They said it was no big deal. She said it was no big deal. I said it was no big deal because everybody thought it was no big deal. We just had to monitor it, and we did.

And Carol sadly was one of those unlucky people in that 0.2 percent category. She did have a near fainting episode, and she got a Holter monitor, and in early 2020 she sought help from a cardiologist, and in the medical notes the cardiologist said, yes, we need to further investigate this. Not urgent, but we need to investigate this. We need to get an echo stress test after the virus resolves.

And there was no incident. There was no chest discomfort after that. There was nothing between March and, sadly, June 16 when I came home that night.

So what factors placed Carol in the 0.2 percent versus the 99.8 percent category?

That is what we don't know. That is what we need to know for other families.

So in my discussions with top cardiologists, medical experts, researchers, and advocates following Carol's passing, I learned the extent to which the medical community seriously lacks answers to this critical question.

And sadly, over 25,000 Americans die each year from heart valve disease primarily due to underdiagnosis and undertreatment of the condition.

So inspired by the extraordinary life of my wife and also many experts, the cardiologists who contributed to this work with the help of experts at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, we introduced the CAROL Act to better equip our medical community with the resources needed to develop predictive models, inform communities, and save the lives of other loved ones.

So specifically, the CAROL Act authorizes a grant program administered by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute to support research on MVP.

This legislation marshals the full power of 21st century medical innovation and encourages the utilization of technological imaging and precision medicine to generate data on individuals with valvular heart disease.

It is through this research that we can help identify Americans at high risk of sudden cardiac death from val-

vular heart disease and develop prediction models for high-risk patients, enabling interventions and treatment plans to keep these patients healthy throughout their lives.

Additionally, the CAROL Act will instruct the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to increase public awareness regarding symptoms of valvular heart disease and effective strategies for preventing sudden cardiac death.

Madam Speaker, I am honored and so grateful that this bill, the CAROL Act, has earned the bipartisan support of over 180 Members of this body and all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle who have been critical to bringing this legislation to this point. The speakers here today, I am so humbled and grateful to them. To my good friend, Congressman GUTHRIE, who was a dear friend of my wife, to Minority Leader KEVIN MCCARTHY and Whip SCALISE, both of whom knew and counted Carol as one of their friends, my good friends, KATHLEEN RICE and JIMMY PANNETTA on the other side, who have been just awesome to work with on this. Chairman PALLONE, I really appreciate your leadership and Leader HOYER, as well; my good friends BRAD WENSTRUP and BILL HUIZENGA, who have been really helpful to me in this difficult time. And I am also grateful for my friend and fellow Kentuckian, Senate Republican Leader MITCH MCCONNELL, who is leading the companion bill in the Senate, and Arizona Senator KYRSTEN SINEMA, who I served with in my class here; sadly, Kyrsten lost a sister to a similar condition, and they are leading the companion legislation in the Senate.

And, finally, I acknowledge and thank the over 20 medical groups who supported our bill, including the American Heart Association, the American College of Cardiologists, and WomenHeart, and the scores of doctors that we consulted who really were instrumental in helping us, and I will just say a few: Dr. Mary Sheppard, Dr. Alan Daugherty, and Dr. Nezar Falluji in the district that I represent at the University of Kentucky; also Dr. Gary Gibbons and his team at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Dr. Francesca Delling at the University of California, San Francisco; and Dr. Bonow at Northwestern. They were all instrumental in crafting this legislation.

Madam Speaker, in conclusion, Carol Barr's greatest legacy will always be our two daughters, and she wouldn't have wanted this. She doesn't want this as her legacy. She wanted to raise our kids. But I will tell you this, even though the doctors said that her heart gave out, you know, because of her life and her legacy and this bill, she is going to be remembered as having the most powerful heart of all, of anyone we have ever met. I hope my colleagues in the House will help me move one step closer to enshrining that legacy in a way that will help others avert this

tragedy that has so profoundly affected my family.

And, honey, we are getting it done.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, may I inquire how much time I have remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. KELLY of Illinois). The gentleman from Kentucky has 5 minutes remaining.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HUIZENGA), another dear friend of my colleague from Kentucky and his wife, Carol.

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman yielding, and I don't know how you follow ANDY BARR and that story.

Madam Speaker, ANDY talked a lot about Carol, as he should, but we also want to talk about him and how he responded.

This is an opportunity to turn a tragedy into hope. And there are a lot of people that would be too bitter, too angry, too frustrated, too betrayed to take that opportunity and refocus it and turn it into help for others. Madam Speaker, ANDY is doing that, and he is showing his daughters what his wife would do.

So to those of us who knew her, he is absolutely right, I can still hear in my mind's ear this, "just get it done." It would be a desperate tone sometimes, "just get it done."

But the words that I think of as I was sitting here, and I have sort of thrown aside all the prepared remarks, and I want to speak from the heart. I just started writing down a few words.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I yield the gentleman an additional 1 minute.

Mr. HUIZENGA. Passionate, patriot, fierce—not mean, but fierce—and focused. She was a leader of teams, but a leader of her family, too.

And, Madam Speaker, that is ANDY. He has been forced into some roles that he was not expecting he was going to have to take care of. And this is what he does best. He throws himself in. He dives in, and he works hard to help others. And that, too, is a legacy, a legacy for Carol and for the girls.

And for Eleanor and Mary Clay, may they know that their mom loved them. She loved them. And their dad loves them. And Carol is not with us today, but she is not gone because we won't forget her. And we will make sure her legacy continues.

Madam Speaker, we love ANDY, and we are here for him. I am so grateful we can help so many others around the country.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. WENSTRUP), a good friend of ANDY's, and I know he has taken ANDY under his wing over the last year. It is hard to believe it has been over a year.

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I am proud to rise today in support of

my good friend, my dear friend, Congressman ANDY BARR and his legislation named, of course, in memory of his late wife, Carol.

ANDY knows Monica and I loved being with Carol and ANDY whenever we could. Whenever we could get together it was great, especially when we traveled together.

Let me talk about the bill for a second. The Cardiovascular Advances in Research and Opportunities Legacy Act, or CAROL Act, will help to advance research on valvular heart disease.

Specifically, this bill authorizes grants that allow us to identify and develop a cohort of individuals with valvular disease.

We will then be able to gather data and help doctors determine which individuals are at high risk of sudden cardiac death.

And finally, the bill will convene subject matter experts to strategize on what research is needed to develop guidelines for treatment of patients with mitral valve prolapse.

As a doctor, I know this legislation will undoubtedly help to save many lives.

The bill's 180 cosponsors, who span the political spectrum, are a testament to how important this body believes this bill to be.

Today, we take another step towards getting this bill across the finish line. It will be a fitting tribute to a beautiful life when we see it signed into law.

Madam Speaker, I know Carol is beaming with pride as she looks down on ANDY today. And ANDY and Carol's girls, Eleanor and Mary Clay, are even more proud of both their mom and their dad than they already are on this particular day.

So may God bless ANDY and Carol Barr. Carol reached out and touched the face of God, but the positive effects of her life and ANDY's work will never perish. Their legacies are that they bring good things to life. So I am glad to see all of my colleagues here to support this bill, and I urge its passage.

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Washington (Mrs. RODGERS).

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, first, to my colleague and friend, ANDY BARR, what a beautiful tribute to Carol. And I join my colleagues, everyone here today, in strong support of the CAROL Act. We love you. We love Carol. Our hearts go out to you.

I am sitting here, and I am thinking what a beautiful tribute. And to Eleanor and Mary Clay, I just saw their Christmas card, and I was thinking they are beautiful, and they are loved, and they shine brightly just like their mom did. I know that this has been such a difficult time, and to see ANDY step forward, bring this legislation—the CAROL Act that is going to help thousands of others across the coun-

try—to highlight important research that needs to be done so that others will not have to go through something similar because ANDY has led in such a strong way. We are grateful to know ANDY, and we want him to know that he is not alone.

I will always remember the times that I was with Carol. She was one of those people who seemed to do it all and do it all so well. And my memory of her is one of just lighting up the room. She shined so brightly. And ANDY continues to shine. And their girls are shining today.

We join today in strong support of this legislation. It is going to help us get answers so that others will not be impacted the same way. And let's get this done, as Carol said.

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Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, again, this is a great legacy for a great woman and her children. Every time I see them, we all tear up but we know that they are carrying on her legacy. I know that her husband is here today moving forward with her legacy.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the passage of the bill, and I thank the gentleman for yielding to the gentlewoman from Washington.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, let me just say again what a tribute that ANDY BARR has made to his wife.

Madam Speaker, this is such an important bill in terms of trying to deal with this disease. Again, I urge bipartisan support, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1193, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to direct the Director of the National Institutes of Health, in consultation with the Director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, to establish a program under which the Director of the National Institutes of Health shall support or conduct research on valvular heart disease, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DR. LORNA BREEN HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PROTECTION ACT

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1667) to address behavioral health and well-being among health care professionals, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1667

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act".

SEC. 2. DISSEMINATION OF BEST PRACTICES.

Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (referred to in this Act as the "Secretary") shall identify and disseminate evidence-based or evidence-informed best practices for preventing suicide and improving mental health and resiliency among health care professionals, and for training health care professionals in appropriate strategies to promote their mental health. Such best practices shall include recommendations related to preventing suicide and improving mental health and resiliency among health care professionals.

SEC. 3. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS INITIATIVE ENCOURAGING USE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES BY HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, including medical professional associations, shall establish a national evidence-based or evidence-informed education and awareness initiative—

(1) to encourage health care professionals to seek support and care for their mental health or substance use concerns, to help such professionals identify risk factors associated with suicide and mental health conditions, and to help such professionals learn how best to respond to such risks, with the goal of preventing suicide, mental health conditions, and substance use disorders; and

(2) to address stigma associated with seeking mental health and substance use disorder services.

(b) *REPORTING.*—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives an update on the activities and outcomes of the initiative under subsection (a), including a description of quantitative and qualitative metrics used to evaluate such activities and outcomes.

(c) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—To carry out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2024.

SEC. 4. PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH AMONG THE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WORKFORCE.

Subpart 1 of part E of title VII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294n et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 764. PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH AMONG THE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WORKFORCE.

"(a) PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH AMONG HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.—

"(1) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary shall award grants or contracts to health care entities, including entities that provide health care services, such as hospitals, community health centers, and rural health clinics, or to medical professional associations, to establish or enhance evidence-based or evidence-informed programs dedicated to improving mental health and resiliency for health care professionals.

"(2) *USE OF FUNDS.*—An eligible entity receiving a grant or contract under this subsection shall use funds received through the grant or contract to implement a new program or enhance an existing program to promote mental health among health care professionals, which may include—

"(A) improving awareness among health care professionals about risk factors for, and signs of, suicide and mental health or substance use