

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## INTRODUCTION OF THE RIGHT TO TRY CLARIFICATION ACT

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 28, 2023*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced the Right to Try Clarification Act. This legislation would expand access to life-changing treatments by including in the federal Right to Try Act Schedule I substances that have completed phase 1 clinical studies.

Oregon has a long legacy of ensuring that end-of-life patients have access to the full spectrum of treatment options to alleviate their condition and improve their quality of life. Patients and doctors deserve to discuss treatments—including psilocybin—that researchers find provide immediate and sustained relief from pain, anxiety, and depression for people battling terminal illness.

Federal restrictions have obstructed access to end-of-life care for too long, this legislation will change that and ensure that all patients have the Right to Try.

The psychedelics laws in this country are broken, including our laws governing patients' access to new and promising end-of-life care. Forty-one state legislatures have passed Right to Try laws to allow terminally ill patients access to treatments, including psilocybin, that are still in investigational stages. Both psilocybin and MDMA have demonstrated tremendous care potential in phase 1 and phase 2 clinical trials.

The Drug Enforcement Agency, however, has refused to accommodate Right to Try laws and denied terminally ill patients their freedom to elect their preferred treatments. These patients deserve to be able to discuss and pursue treatments with their doctors that researchers are finding provide immediate, substantial, and sustained relief from anxiety and depression for people battling terminal illness. That is why the Right to Try Clarification Act is necessary to ensure patients have the Right to Try these treatment options.

I look forward to working my co-leads Representatives NANCY MACE, MADELINE DEAN, ANDY BIGGS, and LUIS CORREA to enact this legislation and clarify and strengthen the Right to Try.

## CLEBURNE COUNTY ADDITION

**HON. J. FRENCH HILL**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 28, 2023*

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the addition of Cleburne County to the Second District of Arkansas.

Last year during redistricting, the Arkansas state legislature added Cleburne County to the Second Congressional District.

The addition of Cleburne County brings beautiful nature, economic development, and

many other recreational ideas and opportunities to my district.

An active business and civic community, excellent healthcare and educational facilities and opportunities, along with Greers Ferry National Fish Hatchery, Greers Ferry Dam, Rotary Clubs, the Sugarloaf Mountain Trail, and world class fly fishing on the Little Red all are amazing examples of what the county has to offer.

I am proud to now serve those who live in Cleburne County and look forward to representing them in Washington at their U.S. Capitol.

## HONORING MARIA FERRARA'S SERVICE AS DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

**HON. ANGIE CRAIG**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 28, 2023*

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and congratulate Maria Ferrara for four years and two plus Congresses as my Director of Operations.

Maria has been with my office since the early days of my first term starting first as my scheduler and elevating to the absolutely vital role of Director of Operations. For years, Maria has truly kept our office running and functioning at a high capacity.

She's fielded countless meeting requests, hearings and speaking engagements, helped operationalize our office's remote work policies during the pandemic and constantly sought out ways to improve our processes. And she's got the best advice on D.C. restaurants of anyone I know.

I've appreciated Maria's advice and counsel in various roles over the years and wish her the best in her new adventure off the Hill. I'll miss her greatly on my team—and wish her best of luck as she continues on in her career.

## VICTORY OVER VIOLENCE KARK/ FOX 16

**HON. J. FRENCH HILL**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 28, 2023*

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the important partnership between the Arkansas Martin Luther King Commission and FOX 16 and KARK television.

In 2017, following the horrible shootings at the Power Ultra Lounge nightclub in Little Rock, FOX 16 and KARK kicked off an important initiative to build grassroots support to reduce violence in central Arkansas.

They called it, "Victory Over Violence".

The goal of the campaign is to unite leaders and groups throughout our local communities to be a resource for reducing violent crime

and changing lives through community improvements.

In January, the Arkansas Martin Luther King Commission presented FOX 16 anchors Donna Terrell and Kevin Kelly with their 2023 Drum Major for Community Leadership award.

The persistence and successful leadership of Donna, Kevin, and all those involved at the Arkansas Martin Luther King Commission, FOX 16, and KARK, they're making an impact on improving the lives and safety and central Arkansans.

I'm grateful for their efforts, their persistent efforts, over all these past years to keep that at the forefront of community activism.

Victory Over Violence is something that we need, and I'm grateful for their leadership.

## CONGRESSIONAL TEACHER AWARD

**HON. VERN BUCHANAN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 28, 2023*

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of outstanding public school teachers in Florida's 16th Congressional District.

I was once told that children are 25 percent of the population, but they are 100 percent of the future.

And it's true. The education of a child is an investment, not only in that student, but in the future of our country.

Therefore, I established the Congressional Teacher Awards to honor educators for their ability to teach and inspire students.

An independent panel has chosen the following teachers from Manatee and Hillsborough counties to receive Florida's 16th District's 2023 Congressional Teacher Award for their accomplishments as educators:

Lori Catalani for her accomplishments as a third-grade teacher at Sea Breeze Elementary School in Bradenton

Stephanie Wajszczuk for her accomplishments as an ESE teacher at Ballard Elementary in Bradenton

Kathleen Brown for her accomplishments as a math teacher at Braden River Middle School in Bradenton

Kendall Carrier for his accomplishments as a music teacher at Parrish Community High School in Parrish

Ann Fleury for her accomplishments as a math teacher at Lakewood Ranch High School in Bradenton

Nicole Seace for her accomplishments as a science teacher at Winthrop Charter School in Riverview

Thomas Waistell for his accomplishments as an English teacher at Rodgers Middle Magnet School in Riverview

Lori Haley for her accomplishments as a Spanish teacher at Joe E. Newsome High School in Lithia

On behalf of the people of Florida's 16th District, I congratulate each of these outstanding teachers and offer my sincere appreciation for their service and dedication.

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