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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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Supporting the goals of Overdose Awareness Day and strengthening efforts
to combat the opioid crisis in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. TRAHAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals of Overdose Awareness Day and
strengthening efforts to combat the opioid crisis in the
United States.

Whereas more than 932,000 individuals in the United States
have died from a drug overdose since 1999;

Whereas overdoses involving opioids killed nearly 69,000 peo-
ple in 2020, and over 82 percent of those deaths involved
synthetic opioids;

Whereas substance use disorder and drug overdose affect all
socioeconomic groups, racial and ethnic groups, geo-
graphical regions, and ages;

Whereas substance use disorder is a chronic disease, and recognizing it as such decreases stigma and acknowledges that substance use may be beyond an individual's control;

Whereas overdose deaths are preventable, and countless lives can be saved through increased awareness, effective prevention strategies, timely intervention, comprehensive treatment, and robust recovery support;

Whereas communities across the Nation have been pained by substance use disorder through the premature loss of lives and the stigma associated with drug-related fatalities; and

Whereas the opioid crisis imposes an estimated annual economic burden of \$1,000,000,000,000 on the United States, encompassing health care costs, lost productivity, criminal justice expenditures, and social services, while devastating communities and families across the Nation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes Overdose Awareness Day in the
3 United States;

4 (2) commits to advancing and passing bipartisan
5 policies that reduce the stigma surrounding
6 substance use disorders and overdoses; and

7 (3) is dedicated to collaborating with States, lo-
8 calities, businesses, nongovernmental organizations,
9 patients, and families to support a comprehensive
10 system that promotes prevention, treatment, harm
11 reduction, and recovery from opioid use disorder.