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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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Supporting the goals of Overdose Awareness Day by lowering the United States flag to half-staff on all Federal buildings the 31st day of August each year.

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 by lowering the United States flag to half-staff on all Federal buildings the 31st day of August each year.

Whereas more than 750,000 individuals in the United States have died from a drug overdose since 1999;

Whereas substance use disorder and drug overdose affect all socioeconomic groups, racial and ethnic groups, geographical 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 lives can be saved through awareness, prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery support;

Whereas overdose deaths claimed more than 81,000 American lives last year, and the COVID–19 pandemic has contributed to the acceleration of overdose deaths;

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 numerous States across the Nation have lowered their State flags in recognition of Overdose Awareness Day: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports
2 the recognition of Overdose Awareness Day in the United
3 States of America and that Federal buildings therein be
4 encouraged to lower their flags to half-staff to support
5 awareness of overdoses.