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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 6, 2019

Ms. WEXTON (for herself, Mr. BAIRD, Ms. DEAN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. KILMER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed
A BILL

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
“Expanding Findings for Federal Opioid Research and
Treatment Act” or the “EFFORT Act”.

(b) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

(1) research gaps currently exist in the preven-
tion and treatment of opioid addiction;

(2) the National Science Foundation’s research
on opioid addiction has increased understanding of
the neuroscience of addiction, substance abuse inter-
vention, the role of illicit supply networks, the sec-
ondary effects on families, the use of technology to
address the opioid epidemic, and options for alter-
native, non-addictive therapeutics for pain; and

(3) the National Science Foundation and the
National Institutes of Health have recognized that
fundamental questions in basic, clinical, and
translational research would benefit greatly from
multidisciplinary approaches and collaboration.

SEC. 2. NSF SUPPORT OF RESEARCH ON OPIOID ADDIC-
TION.

The Director of the National Science Foundation, in
consultation with the Director of the National Institutes
of Health, shall support merit-reviewed and competitively awarded research on the science of opioid addiction.