I voted Yes on H.R. 225, the National Pediatric Research Network Act of 2013.

The bill would increase and improve pediatric research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) by encouraging collaboration among medical researchers and public and private organizations in the study of pediatric rare diseases. Specifically, this legislation would authorize the NIH to establish up to 20 research consortia around the country to study pediatric diseases, an area of research that has received a disproportionately small percentage of federal research funding in years past.

I support this innovative approach to expand and coordinate pediatric research around the country that will improve our ability to develop new treatments and cures for some of the worst diseases affecting children.

The bill was approved by a vote of 375 – 27.