bank or Message Banking may allow a person to have a unique, personalized voice file that mimics one's own natural speaking voice and may allow one to preserve signature messages or “isms” so they may always be available. preserving one’s natural voice through Voice Banking can be a wonderful gift you give yourself and your loved ones.

Accelerating Access to Critical Therapies (ACT) for ALS (H.R. 3537) was approved by a unanimous vote on the House floor on October 28th, 2021.

This bill was introduced by Rep. Jim McGovern (D-MA) and co-sponsored by 227 other members of Congress, including Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-IL), who represents Illinois’s 3rd congressional district and is a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

The bill would establish a process for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to approve an orphan drug for ALS. Orphan designation is a designation by the FDA for a product intended to treat a rare disease or condition that affects fewer than 200,000 people in the United States. Once an orphan drug is approved, the FDA grants the company exclusive marketing rights for the drug for a period of seven years.

The bill passed the House on a voice vote of 230-0, with no recorded votes. It will now head to the Senate for consideration.

We’d like to thank Old National Bank, another one of our dedicated partners. Old National Bank began providing financial support for the ALS chapter in 2014, and has continued to support our work every year since.

We’d also like to thank the many businesses and individuals who have contributed to ALS research and care. We are grateful for the support of our partners and donors who have made it possible for us to continue our work in the fight against ALS.

Anne Supplee, M.Div., M.S., will start a series of sessions for people who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The sessions will be held on December 21st and January 4th.

The sessions will be held in a virtual setting and will be facilitated by Anne Supplee, M.Div., M.S., a licensed counselor.

The sessions will focus on 2022 Walk to Defeat ALS planning, and will be open to anyone who is interested in learning more about the campaign.

We wish her all the best!