

promote an American culture where every child's right to life is emphatically defended.

I find hope and encouragement today because Americans increasingly agree that abortions occur too frequently in our nation. I believe people with different views about Roe v. Wade should build on this sentiment and work together to ensure that the alternatives to abortion are well known to women facing an unexpected pregnancy. In doing so, I believe we can dramatically reduce the number of abortions in our Nation and begin to create a culture where unborn children are universally welcomed by their parents and protected by law.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 36TH
ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 22, 2009

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 36th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision and in particular the efforts of those who have worked for the right to life that the decision made so tenuous. Today, as they have since 1974, thousands of people marched on Washington to show their dedication to a movement that has seen many gains in the past few years. These people march for a culture where 50 million innocent lives would be saved, and where people are valued beyond their simple worth as a thing. They also march to mourn these lives of the unborn. They march, ultimately, for the dignity of humanity which has been denied for too many people.

This year's march is particularly poignant, because these hundreds of thousands have come after millions, including myself, came to celebrate the election of America's first black President. We also celebrated the life and accomplishments of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I'm proud of how far America's come, as we break down racial and ethnic barriers that many thought were invincible, but we know there's more to do. As Dr. King's niece, Alveda King commented after the election of President Obama, "[Dr. King's] dream of full equality remains just a dream as long as unborn children continue to be treated no better than property."

Madam Speaker, we've made many gains towards a culture of life in recent years. The number of abortions has fallen every year since their peak in 1990, and there have been successes at both the state and federal level: federal funding for research requiring the destruction of human embryos has been restricted, we continued to observe the Mexico City Policy, "partial birth abortion" has been banned, and many states have policies requiring parental consent for minors. I hope that President Obama and this Congress will continue down this road, and remember the culture of life that we recognize today.

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT MAJOR
CURTIS B. GREEN

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 22, 2009

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute the service of Sergeant Major Curtis B. Green, whose meritorious service to the United States Army has spanned thirty years and culminated with his distinguished service as Sergeant Major of Letterkenny Army Depot.

Throughout his career, Sergeant Major Green has been an exceptional leader and has served in numerous positions of great responsibility. Beginning his military career as a rifleman, he spent 9 years in the 82nd Airborne Division followed by assignments in Germany, Aberdeen Proving Ground, and Alaska. In the past 10 years Sergeant Major Green has compiled an exceptional record of achievement at Fort Sill, Camp Casey, and Camp Red Cloud, Fort Hood, and Letterkenny Army Depot. In each position he consistently produced exceptional results.

After 4 years as a unit first Sergeant, his exceptional record earned him the rank of Sergeant Major as well as immediate reassignment as the 2nd Infantry Division G4 Maintenance Sergeant Major. Here he led the Division maintenance inspection teams and became Division Readiness NCO. In 2003 he returned to the United States and was assigned as Support Operations Sergeant Major and was directly responsible for the coordination of external and internal support among division battalions and COSCOM support units. And later, when deployed to Iraq—Sergeant Major Green left with an advance party and was responsible for preparing the area for the arrival of the 1st Cav.—his dutiful performance earned him the Bronze Star.

In 2005, Sergeant Major Green became the Letterkenny Army Depot Sergeant Major. His logistics background and strong military leadership skills facilitated a quick transition into a predominately civilian organization. Here, he identified with the Letterkenny workforce, and orchestrated rehabilitative transfers that dramatically improved soldier performance.

Sergeant Major Green's accomplishments were not limited to improving the depot's mission. He also reached out to the depot community and provided outstanding leadership for Armed Forced Week activities, the depot/community organizational day program, and increased support to the local Scotland School for Veteran's Children. Sergeant Major Green took the initiative to lead depot soldiers and workers to visit local veteran homes, and his work to clean up and repair local cemeteries is also noteworthy.

Throughout his career, Sergeant Major Green faithfully discharged his extensive duties at home and abroad. Over the last 30 years he has made great personal sacrifices for the good of the United States military. Sergeant Major Green is a soldier's soldier and a consummate professional. He has dem-

onstrated great concern for our soldiers and their families, and his significant contributions will have a lasting impact upon our Nation. Sergeant Major Green's professional performance reflects great honor and credit upon himself and the United States Army.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR
CHRISTINE KROLIK, HILLS-
BOROUGH ASSOCIATED PARENT
GROUPS' CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 22, 2009

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, Mayor Christine Krolik of the Town of Hillsborough, California has served her community well, ever since moving there more than a decade ago. Now, the community is rightly honoring her with the Hillsborough School District Associated Parents Groups' "Citizen of the Year Award".

Mayor Krolik is a woman of boundless energy and keen intellect with a limitless can-do attitude. Her cheerful disposition and amazing ability to organize chaos into a cohesive plan are unmatched. To the benefit of her community and our country, Christine has used her awesome powers for good, volunteering for causes great and small, political and charitable, serious and fun.

Since beginning her professional career more than 20 years ago as an actor and director in New York, Ms. Krolik has shared her knowledge and enthusiasm with grateful students and peers in Glenside, Pennsylvania; Greenwich, Connecticut and Gulfstream, Florida as well as her adopted home, northern California.

As Literacy Manager and Special Project Producer for the beloved Magic Theater at San Francisco's Fort Mason, Christine again put her love for theater and impressive performance ability to work for the betterment of the greater community.

Christine's passion for helping others is aptly displayed in the many roles she has filled with the Concours d'Elegance, Hillsborough's principal fund-raising event to benefit its schools. She has also served on the Board of Directors of Hillbarn Theater and the Shelter Network, assuring that every segment of California's 12th Congressional District benefits from her hard work and considerable ability.

It is more than fitting for the Associated Parents' Groups to bestow this honor on Mayor Krolik. Long before she joined the Town Council in 2004, Christine served her community by devoting many hours of volunteer work and she is always the first person anyone calls when they need something done quickly, professionally and cheerfully.

Madam Speaker, I salute Mayor Krolik and thank her husband, Jeff, and sons John and Billy, for sharing Christine with a very appreciative community.