

Their commitment to the mission of a Sacred Heart education is a source of great inspiration to our entire community. This awards celebration will be held on September 23, 2015, in the Eileen Sullivan Connolly Auditorium in the Campbell Center for the Performing Arts at Sacred Heart Schools in Atherton.

Margaret Beltramo has given generously of her time, considerable talents, and devotion to the Mission of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

Margaret was born in South San Francisco, California, and moved to Portola Valley when she was three months old. She attended local schools, including Portola Valley Elementary School, Notre Dame High School, and University of Notre Dame de Namur, Belmont. She and her husband Dan, who met at a New Year's Eve dinner-dance in Menlo Park in 1964, have been married since 1966. They have two children, Dan, Jr. and Diana and four beautiful grandchildren, Lisa, Sara, Emily, and Thomas.

Margaret serves her community in many capacities, and was instrumental in founding Families in Transition, an organization that served the people of East Palo Alto. She has left an indelible mark on the SHS campus, beginning with the Mothers' Club, which she was President of. In the late 1970's, she assisted the Director of Schools in a search for a new Montessori Director which brought Mary Gebhart to the position, strengthening the Montessori school immeasurably.

In 1980, she joined the School's first Capital Campaign Committee which raised over \$3.5 million to build the new McGanney Gymnasium and Sports Center in 1984. As a member of the Board of Trustees from 1981 to 1989, Margaret was involved with the painful decision to close the Boarding School and the challenging decision to make the school co-educational. These were exciting times for Sacred Heart, but what Margaret Beltramo is best remembered for is the establishment of the Sacred Heart Auction, a critical component of SHS's fund raising efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I have known and admired Margaret Beltramo for more than four decades and I am blessed to call her my friend. As the mothers of children who grew up together and were educated by the Religious of the Sacred Heart, I saw first-hand how her organizational skills and dedication helped to expand SHS and build for a sound future. That's why Margaret Beltramo's talents and contributions on behalf of SHS are worthy of the St. Madeleine Sophie Award.

I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the extraordinary work and contributions of Margaret Beltramo and congratulate her on being honored with the 2015 St. Madeleine Sophie Award. She has bettered our community and strengthened our country with all she has accomplished.

IT'S TIME TO STOP TAXPAYER  
FUNDING OF PLANNED PARENT-  
HOOD

### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 22, 2015*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, on July 14th, 2015 pro-life activists with the group Center

for Medical Progress released a video of a Planned Parenthood official discussing the sale of fetal body parts. There have been many other videos released since, and each one has revealed more terrible details about the reprehensible activities of this organization. When the first Planned Parenthood video was made public, I called it horrific and inhumane, and called for an immediate investigation. Sadly, we have discovered over the last few months that this was just the beginning. With each passing day, more information comes to light illustrating that the sale and profit from fetal body parts is central to Planned Parenthood's business model, as is the performance of abortions. The American taxpayer should not be forced to pay for this. It is time to defund Planned Parenthood, and bring a stop to these barbaric practices. This is not a Republican vs. Democrat issue. This is about protecting life and taking a stand against an inhumane activity that the people of this country are being forced to subsidize. Enough is enough. I am proud to support the Defund Planned Parenthood Act to put a moratorium on both mandatory and discretionary funding while Congress continues its investigation, and to have been a leader on the issue of protecting life and stopping these evil practices. It is time to act, and I am hopeful that we stand for life, and end this once and for all.

RECOGNIZING THE NEW BEDFORD  
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA FOR ITS  
100TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 22, 2015*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra and in celebration of a century of music, entertainment and education in the arts to the public.

The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra owes its establishment to Clarence Arey, a Fairhaven music teacher who founded the then-New Bedford Philharmonic Orchestra to provide quality performances of classical music for his community. It is recognized as the third oldest symphonic group in Massachusetts and one of the first twenty established in the nation.

Today, the Orchestra performs six symphonic concerts, six chamber music concerts and a holiday Pops every year. These widely attended events are renowned as a pillar and celebration of the arts from the South Coast and beyond. Their performances enrich the lives of adults and children alike through the power of music and exposure to the fine arts.

When Clarence Arey founded the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, he did so with a very specific goal in mind—providing his students with a place to continue practicing and growing their talents and abilities after they left the school. It is in that spirit that the Orchestra continues to offer a free music education to over 30,000 students annually. The Orchestra does this in coordination with schools in the region at all age groups—from organizing its signature programs for pre-school, elementary, and adolescent programs, including Symphony Tales, Music in the Morning, Youth Orchestras

and the Strings Program. Designed to ignite a passion for music in future generations, the Orchestra also works with music teachers to establish and collaborate on education frameworks, and provides resources to assist in teaching their students.

Mr. Speaker, the 100th Anniversary of the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the significance of the fine arts in Massachusetts—and our nation's—history. May this historic Orchestra continue to enrich our lives with the power of music for years to come.

H.R. 3134 AND H.R. 3504

### HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 22, 2015*

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, today, the United States House of Representatives votes on two important pieces of legislation that offer us the opportunity to take a strong stance supporting life—H.R. 3134, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015 and H.R. 3504, the Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act of 2015. We must demand that all human beings be treated equally, with the dignity that each human life deserves.

The right to life is one of the most fundamental and precious rights we enjoy as Americans. We must protect it with a degree of strength that equals its significance. Time and time again over my years in Congress, I have stood on the side of life, and I am proud to do so again today. I urge my colleagues, in the strongest terms, to do the same—to stand on the side of life.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF MARIE  
VAUDELL RECIPIENT OF THE 2015  
ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE AWARD

### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 22, 2015*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the recipients of the sixteenth annual St. Madeleine Sophie Awards, given by Sacred Heart Schools (SHS), Atherton, California. The recipients of this prestigious and highly regarded recognition are individuals in the SHS community who have made a sustained and significant contribution to the Schools and embody the Goals and Criteria of a Sacred Heart education. Their commitment to the mission of a Sacred Heart education is a source of great inspiration to our entire community. This awards celebration will be held on September 23, 2015, in the Eileen Sullivan Connolly Auditorium in the Campbell Center for the Performing Arts at Sacred Heart Schools in Atherton.

This year's award recipient, Marie VauDell, has given generously of her time, talent, and devotion to the Mission of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

Marie VauDell was born in Redwood City to Edward and Josephine Imlach, and continues to live there today with her husband Doug and son Tyler. She attended St. Pius Elementary