

And our Founding Fathers understood that it was a great philosophy and that is when the protection of law begins.

On January 22, 1973, we departed from that philosophy with the decision of *Roe v. Wade*. Since then, over 57 million American lives have been taken because of that decision. Mr. Speaker, that number is equivalent to the population of Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, South Carolina, Louisiana, and Tennessee. That one decision, Mr. Speaker, has not only figuratively, but literally changed the landscape of America.

EAST NICOLAUS HIGH SCHOOL

(Mr. GARAMENDI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, before the holiday break, I rose to congratulate the East Nicolaus High School Spartans from Sutter County for advancing to the CIF Division VII-AA football championship game. At that time, they were about to make a 500-mile trip to San Diego to face Coronado, a school four times their size.

Well, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say that the Spartans may have been the underdogs in the game, but that didn't matter to them. On December 28, they won the championship game 16-6. Quarterback S.J. Brown threw for a touchdown and rushed for another. Donovan Switalski had 25 carries for 135 yards. On defense, quarterback Eddie Herrera intercepted two passes.

Those are great individual efforts. As a former lineman for the University of California Bears, I know it takes a full team to pull out a win like this and also a coach.

I congratulate Coach Travis Barker and the entire East Nicolaus team for making Sutter County and the entire Third Congressional District very proud.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION BILL

(Mr. HARRIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, when the House sends the budget reconciliation bill to the President this evening, he has a chance to help hardworking American taxpayers by signing it and saving taxpayers over \$500 billion over the next 10 years.

It does that in two ways. First, it repeals most of the unaffordable ObamaCare program, which has raised the cost of health insurance and health care for millions and millions of hardworking Americans. It also removes all Federal taxpayer funding from Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in the country, which receives over half a billion taxpayer dollars a year and does 330,000 abortions a year. In fact, it is the largest abortion provider in America. Instead of funding

the largest abortion provider in America, we direct those funds to over 10,000 community health centers.

Mr. Speaker, I hope the President agrees and saves hardworking American taxpayers billions of dollars.

DEFENDING THE SECOND AMENDMENT

(Mr. ROKITA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, any constitutional lawyer should know that Congress is supposed to write the laws and the executive branch is supposed to follow them, as written. Implementing more gun control through executive fiat is not what is needed, and it is not what is legal.

Enforcement of the current law is what is needed by this executive, and it is what this President should be doing. Instead, for example, he lets prisoners out of jail to contribute to the violence.

Mr. Speaker, the right to self-defense is God-given. It is vital in order to protect people and property against criminals, and it is a hedge against tyrants, and it shall not be infringed.

To those who would challenge these rights, Mr. Speaker, I leave you with these words: "A well-regulated militia necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

BORN ALIVE SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

(Mr. FRANKS of Arizona asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, Thomas Jefferson, whose words marked the beginning of this Nation, said: "The care of human life and its happiness, and not its destruction, is the chief and only object of good government."

Yet, Mr. Speaker, 43 years ago, our Supreme Court mandated abortion on demand in America, and 57 million innocent little American babies have since been slaughtered before seeing the light of day in this, the land of the free and the home of brave.

Mr. Speaker, this House passed the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act months ago to protect helpless children who survive abortion and are born alive. Yet at this very moment, that bill to protect born-alive children languishes in the United States Senate for lack of six Democrat votes and a veto threat by Barack Obama.

It is time for the President of the United States and each Senator and all of us, as Americans, to ask ourselves in our own hearts if this is who we truly are.

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WE MUST SPEAK UP FOR THE INNOCENTS

(Mr. LAMBORN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sad heart that I rise today to speak for those whose lives have been tragically cut short in the wake of *Roe v. Wade*. A staggering 57 million innocent girls and boys have been aborted in this country since that horrible decision 43 years ago. *Roe v. Wade* remains one of the most heinous acts of judicial activism in the history of the United States.

As a father of five and a grandfather of three, I know that every child is a wonderful gift from God. Our country was founded upon the sacred truth that all deserve the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The perverse belief that an unplanned child does not possess the same value as that of any other child should have no place in our society. There may be unplanned children, but there is no such thing as an unwanted child.

Later this month, thousands of pro-life patriots will come to Washington to peacefully march in support of life and against the national disgrace that is abortion. I am pleased to be among those fighting against this greatest human rights injustice of our time. We must continue to pray, and we must continue to speak up for the innocents who cannot speak for themselves.

57 MILLION INNOCENT LIVES LOST

(Mr. BABIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today in memory of the 43rd anniversary of the Supreme Court's tragic decision in *Roe v. Wade*. Since *Roe v. Wade*, we have lost 57 million innocent lives. May God rest their souls. That is an astounding and absolutely heart-numbing loss.

Countless lives have been impacted by abortion. Each one of those 57 million children had a future destroyed by abortion.

Even Norma McCorvey, the plaintiff known as *Roe*, revealed in 1995 that she had, in fact, become pro-life and is now a vocal opponent of abortion and the abortion industry.

Mr. Speaker, the sanctity of human life must be protected. We have a duty to protect the lives of all Americans, especially the most helpless and innocent of all, the unborn.

I stand with the thousands of Americans who will soon gather on The Washington Mall to serve as the voice of 57 million unborn babies whose lives were tragically taken through abortion.