

### GIVING A VOICE TO THE VOICELESS

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

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today because this month marks 46 years since *Roe v. Wade* was decided.

Since that decision, there have been over 60 million abortions. I am not sure there is any other way to describe this statistic other than the word "horri-fying."

With that being said, I also rise today to recognize the thousands of people who travel to Washington every year to fight for the unborn.

Madam Speaker, the pro-life movement in America is growing. Why? Because it is a movement about love and about promoting a culture of life.

By promoting a culture of life, these folks are advocating for more than just saving the unborn babies. Although that is extremely important, Madam Speaker, this is a fight for the dignity of life that says we need to view people as assets to our society and not as liabilities.

When we view people as assets, it means we are giving those who are trapped in a cycle of poverty a real shot to make it in this life; and when we view people as assets, it means we are seeing those with disabilities as contributors—and nothing less.

I want to close by thanking all the people, especially those from North Carolina, who give a voice to the voiceless. They are an inspiration to me and to many others around the country.

### NEGATIVE IMPACT OF SHUTDOWN

(Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of 800,000 Federal workers and millions of Americans who have been negatively impacted by President Trump's shutdown. Like many of you, hundreds of my constituents have written into my office to share how the shutdown is impacting them.

One of my constituents in Bear, Delaware, is an air traffic controller at the Philadelphia International Airport. He has been working without pay to ensure travelers can travel and continue living their lives during this shutdown, something he is struggling to do himself.

He shared how the shutdown is placing immense financial strain on his family and the needs of his child, who has a disability, that the stress of not receiving a paycheck and not knowing when the next will come is too much.

Our constituents deserve better. We are on day 27 of this unprecedented shutdown. Democrats have already voted eight times to reopen the Federal Government, and yet, still, we wait on the Senate Republicans to act.

This shutdown is unprecedented, but we have an opportunity to set a new precedent, a positive one, where we work together on comprehensive immigration reform and border security.

First, let's open the government.

### HONORING HERSHEL "WOODY" WILLIAMS

(Mrs. MILLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Hershel "Woody" Williams for his service and commitment to the ideals that make our Nation great.

Woody was stationed in the Pacific theater during World War II. A young marine, he fought in the Battle of Guadalcanal and in Guam, before landing in Iwo Jima on February 21, 1945.

On the day the flag was raised, Woody's unit was surrounded. Under a barrage of enemy fire, Woody charged ahead, flamethrower in hand, attacking the enemy and opening a gap in their defenses that enabled his fellow marines to forge on. We won.

For his display of heroism, President Truman awarded Williams the Medal of Honor. As part of his ongoing legacy, the U.S. Navy christened the USNS *Hershel "Woody" Williams* in 2017, and the VA named their Huntington medical facility in his honor. He also flipped the coin at the 2018 Super Bowl. What a guy.

A lifelong West Virginian who resides in Ona, Woody continues to advocate for Gold Star families throughout the country. I am proud to call Woody a friend, and I thank him for his service.

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### BURN PITS ARE AGENT ORANGE OF POST-9/11 GENERATION

(Ms. GABBARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GABBARD. Madam Speaker, burn pits are the Agent Orange of post-9/11 veterans. Over 165,000 veterans have registered their names into the burn pit registry, something that is voluntary, but there are millions more of our troops who have been exposed to these toxic burn pits during their deployments.

They deserve recognition. They deserve care. And they deserve the services they have earned.

So far, our government has failed to fulfill its responsibility to them and to recognize the toxins that they have been exposed to, just like what happened to our Vietnam veterans decades ago, when our government ignored their exposure and the ensuing illnesses that came from Agent Orange.

When I was deployed to Iraq, the cloud of toxic smoke and fumes from the massive burn pit in our camp was a daily reality. I know the damage they cause. I have seen the devastating toll

they have taken on my brothers and sisters in arms who survived combat, came home, but are now suffering from rare cancers, lung diseases, neurological disorders, and more.

Today, my colleague and fellow veteran, BRIAN MAST, and I are reintroducing our burn pit legislation to address this travesty, joined by Senators KLOBUCHAR and SULLIVAN, to make sure they get the treatment services that they earned.

### SUPPORTING DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, today, I join my colleagues in rising to support the dignity of human life, and no time is more appropriate to do so than when we approach the 46th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*.

Not only was the Supreme Court's 1973 ruling a judicial overreach, it was an assault on a fundamental truth that is essential to our democracy, the truth that all people are created in the image and likeness of God and that all people have the right to life.

Protecting that precious, God-given gift of life is not just something I talk about; it is part of my identity as a doctor. When I graduated from medical school, I pledged never to perform, assist, or facilitate an abortion. The people of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District have sent me to Washington to apply that pledge to my work in Congress as well.

### STANDING IN SUPPORT OF UNBORN CHILDREN

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

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to stand in support of the most defenseless among us, unborn children.

Since *Roe v. Wade* in 1973, we have seen more than 60 million fellow human beings lose their lives. This is the greatest human rights violation, largest humanitarian crisis, and gravest assault on inalienable rights of our time. We will not sit by and watch this happen.

As a doctor and a soldier, I have spent my whole life fighting to save lives, to protect the innocent. I work now to see the end to this assault on life.

Part of that starts with ending funding to Planned Parenthood, America's largest abortion provider, which performs more than 320,000 abortions every single year. This is more than one out of every three abortions.

Abortion must end, because America stands on the equal worth of every human being.