

baby who, she told us, “was growing inside of her, kicking, loving music, moving when the boys spoke toward her belly, doing somersaults when she ate ice cream.”

We all realized that God put our friend in this position for a reason. She has a strong faith. She knew she could handle it, because God was with her. She told us that the baby “would know love, would feel love.” Facing her fear of the unknown with faith and love strengthened her as a mother and a woman. But what if it hadn’t been our friend? What if another woman had listened to that doctor, who made it feel so easy and acceptable to just “terminate” and try again for a “better” outcome.

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In a world where everything and everyone seems to be so sensitive, we have completely desensitized abortion. We use politically correct words. One is “pro-choice.” The pregnancy is “terminated.” Because no one wants to say that she killed her baby. But if you are ending an innocent life on purpose, we’re not sure what other way to put it.

But sadly, even today, more than 3,000 abortions are performed every day in the United States. That is more than 1 million per year. Since *Roe v. Wade* inserted unelected judges into the question of the beginning of life, more than 56 million babies have died at the hands of abortionists—56 million. Just let that sink in.

So how did it all turn out? Her ultrasound was completely normal at 24 weeks. They just couldn’t get a good read at her 20-week appointment. Her baby was born in May of 2015 and is completely healthy. It was a boy, by the way. None of us—but particularly his loving and courageous mother—can imagine life without him.

This week, there will be another march on Washington: the one that truly matters. This one is to celebrate life, and all are welcome, including the unborn and those who love them.

Choose Life. Life is not perfect, but each life is perfect.

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WALTZ).

Mr. WALTZ. Madam Speaker, I stand before you today as we approach the 46th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* to speak on behalf of Americans who cannot speak for themselves.

Our Nation was founded on the notion that every American has a right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. As legislators, we are bound to protect these rights, especially as they relate to our most vulnerable population, which is why we cannot ignore the fundamental right of an unborn child to live.

While *Roe v. Wade* may be the law of the land, I am here today because I, along with many of my fellow Floridians, disagree with it. I believe it is incumbent on this institution to debate the definition of life as well as our authority and responsibility to protect it.

As a father, I have the privilege and have had the privilege of watching my daughter grow from a tiny blip on a monitor, to a beautiful baby girl, and now to a strong, courageous young woman, the young woman that she is today; and when I look at her my heart breaks. It breaks for the children whose lives have been and continue to be taken from them just as they are beginning.

These children could have been future doctors, lawyers, Members of Congress, teachers, military servicemembers, anything they wanted. But, unfortunately, because of a court decision made nearly 46 years ago, we will never know who those children would have become.

Madam Speaker, as a veteran, I have seen horrible things. And, yet, I believe abortion is one of the greater tragedies of our generation. I believe, in time, future generations will look back on this era in American history and condemn us for the millions of children that we have allowed to be taken. Because the truth is, each life, from the moment it begins to exist, is a precious person, and therefore, has a fundamental God-given right to live.

So on this anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, I stand with my colleagues in solidarity for the lives lost, and I pray for the mothers and fathers that face very difficult circumstances surrounding new life.

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Florida for coming to speak.

Madam Speaker, tomorrow, we are going to welcome to this city once again the people who believe in the sanctity of life. They will walk down Pennsylvania Avenue from The Mall and they will be well-behaved. They will be kind. But they will be rising up and letting the people of this United States know that we are concerned about the children in the womb that can’t speak for themselves.

Madam Speaker, over the years of my time in elected office, I have been asked by many people from both parties: Well, what do you know? You are not a woman, and it is a woman’s choice. Well, I am telling you that I hope that no women that I know—and I wish that would never be the case—that they would be in a situation where they are so scared of an unwanted pregnancy that they think that it would hurt their lives.

But my wife, my 2 daughters, my 7 granddaughters—and my hope is that with my 11 grandchildren, I have many, many more great-grandchildren—that they will grow up in a United States that understands the importance of life at its conception, that science, which I believe is now beginning to show what we have known all along, as one speaker spoke earlier, that when that cell is formed and it starts coming together, and then in just a few short hours or a few short days, a heartbeat starts, and then in a few weeks we understand that that baby grows to the point that they can feel pain.

Each one of these items are things that are brought up in legislation of why it is that we need to explain and understand and put into law what truly is life and where life begins.

I don’t blame the courts. I blame this body over the years. I believe God has the opportunity to say when life begins. But I think science has taught us certain clear factors about what life is and when life begins. My hope is that

the American people will not only think about this tomorrow during that march, but they will think about it every day of the year; that they will think about all of the great wisdom that we may have lost in the abortions that have been committed over the last 45 years.

Madam Speaker, I want to say a special thank you to everyone that spoke here today and to the people I represent in Illinois’ 12th Congressional District. I want the people to know and remember what tomorrow is about, and how important these young lives are, and why it is important for us to do our job as laid out in the Constitution, which is allowing life to be protected.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

□ 1515

ISSUES OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. UNDERWOOD). Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 3, 2019, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) for 30 minutes.

Mr. GOHMERT. This is an important week in history as I was taught in law school that courts do not take up cases to merely give an advisory opinion, that there has to be someone who is actually harmed by some action about which they are suing.

As we know, in the *Roe v. Wade* case, at the time it was adjudicated, there was no justiciable issue. The plaintiff in that case now publicly states she was used by the pro-abortion groups, she was manipulated, and that she has suffered because of what the pro-abortion groups talked her into. She has dedicated her life to try to undo the wrong that has been done purportedly for her.

So I appreciate my friends’ speaking up. As I said, in my case, I will never forget my child, many weeks early, holding on, breathing rapidly, but doing everything she could to live.

Most of us have seen the in utero photograph of an unborn baby, an unborn child, grasping the finger of a doctor. They want to live. They want to grow. They want to be. They want to know.

Though my child couldn’t see me with her eyes because they weren’t far developed, as the doctor said: She knows your voice. You give her comfort because she knows your voice.

We heard testimony in our Judiciary Committee previously from a doctor who did maybe 1,000, I think he said, late-term abortions. It is difficult to take as he described.

Of course, the female body is not able to birth or get rid of a child without intervention, so if somebody wants an abortion of a child that is further along and is developed, he described—and I won’t use the detail he did because it gets me too emotional.

He would go in with clamps, find something that felt like an arm or a

leg, grasp hold, pull it off from the body, dispose of that, reach for something else that felt like an arm or a leg and pull it off, because the body with the head and the limbs attached cannot be brought out.

He would rip one after another the two arms and the two legs off. Then, as he would describe, the last thing you reach for is something bulbous, and when you find it, you have to crush it so you can get the child out of the womb.

After he lost his daughter in a tragic accident, he simply could not pull another child apart like that. He gave it up and regretted all of those abortions that he had done with no feeling until he lost his own daughter in an accident.

I want to say I appreciate Majority Leader HOYER bringing up a request that people speak civilly about each other. I get pretty frustrated with some folks here, some in the Senate, and that is just my own party.

But I keep hearing—and we have heard this in the Judiciary Committee. We have had hearings on it. People keep wanting to say that the biggest problem is this rising anti-Islam hate crime body that is emerging.

But we have got the numbers here from 2015, 2016, 2017. Even one hate-based crime is too many. There were 257 incidents in 2015 involving anti-Islamic feelings, hatred, prejudice, 307 victims. That can include yelling, but normally, the offenses, there were 301.

But anti-Jewish, in 2015, there were 664 incidents, 695 offenses, and 731 victims. That is pretty much 2 to 3 to 1 more anti-Jewish hate crime offenses and incidents than anti-Islamic. One is too many, but I hope that people who are in the House will cease the anti-Israel bigotry and the anti-Israel hatred.

After 6 million Jews were slaughtered during World War II, before that and leading up to it, they needed a place, and, of course, it satisfied and fulfilled a great deal of prophecy that Israel came back. There are no descendants of anyone who preceded the Jewish people in that area currently alive. Yet there is so much hatred for the Jewish people.

I saw it in Germany last year. I couldn't believe I was seeing hatred rising again. Much of it was from people who were refugees, but it is shocking.

Germany was trying to show the world how loving, open, and accepting they were, so they took in all of these refugees, most of whom were Muslim, and now they have all this anti-Jewish hatred. So, hopefully, this House can set the proper precedent by stopping the anti-Semitic comments.

For heaven's sake, I have been mad at Senator GRAHAM over different things, but one of our House Members accused him of being compromised and then made allegations insinuating that he is really hateful. So I am hopeful that my friends across the aisle will be able to avoid going to those hateful

places so that we can have rigorous, tough debate without trying to assassinate character.

One of the places we see a tremendous amount of bigotry, hatred, and racism is in the Judeo-Samaritan areas from the Palestinian Authority. It is unbelievable that, in today's time, an area the United States is sending a tremendous amount of money, that we would be mute while the Palestinian Authority sentences a man apparently of Arab descent, Issam Akel. He is a U.S. citizen. But he was abducted by Palestinian Authority intelligence October 11 in Ramallah, and he has now been sentenced to life at hard labor because he sold what they say is Palestinian property to a Jew.

That is incredible. We are sending them money to help cultivate that kind of bigotry and hatred against Jews? Really? This day and time we are doing that? It needs to stop.

I have seen literature that is being used in Palestinian areas to teach children to hate Jews, to think of them, as Farrakhan said, like termites or rats, for heaven's sake. Then I see friends across the aisle in pictures embracing Farrakhan as he has said some of the most hateful, vile, mean-spirited, and bigoted comments about our Jewish friends. Really?

I would share the desire and the hope that one day we really will achieve Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream where people are judged by the content of their character and it won't be necessary to ask people on forms what race they are.

I think it is important to know if people are citizens or not because that is how we arrive at how many Representatives, that kind of thing. Those are important things. It helps a lot with governmental decisions when we know who is a citizen and who isn't, that kind of thing.

Madam Speaker, I look forward to the day we don't have to ask race. Everybody would just check "human race," and it won't matter. It doesn't matter if you are Hispanic, black, white, red, or green. It won't matter.

And I look so forward to that day. Then we won't need any groups that use race or skin color to delineate the group, because we will have other things and other priorities that draw our interests; and we will be determined by those kind of groups, not hate groups, but groups that come together because of shared interests, and race doesn't matter. I look forward to those days.

But in the Palestinian areas, the Palestinian Authority is multiplying the hate, and we keep funding them. I was glad we cut back some of the money being sent that is still being spent and still going there.

The other thing that we keep hearing more about than anything is how hateful, immoral, and mean-spirited walls are, even though everybody who talks about walls has an outer wall around their home or their apartment build-

ing. Whatever they live in, there is an outer wall.

Why? Madam Speaker, it is because you don't want everybody coming and parading through your home unless you invite them.

Yes, Madam Speaker, just because there are burglars who can get past your dead bolt lock or break through your window, you still have a wall. You still have dead bolts because it will help slow people down from trying to get in, and hopefully they will be caught before they can get in and do damage.

Hopefully, just the presence of an outer wall around your home—I understand most people want to have interior walls to give family members some privacy, but if walls are immoral, why would you have one around your home, the outer wall of your home? It is because they work. They are not immoral.

Some people say, oh, it is a 14th century solution. Actually, it is more like a 3000 B.C. solution.

I have a picture in my office of some of our military there at a place called Ur, where Abraham came from. There has been a massive wall there since about 3000 B.C.

They are used to slow down people whom you don't want coming in without your permission.

So it isn't a 21st century problem with having people walk into your home or homeland unimpeded. It is as old as humanity itself, and walls can help.

Madam Speaker, that is why I had the picture the other day, earlier this week, of the huge fence barrier that was put up at the 2016 Democratic National Convention, because the people in charge there—and Hillary Clinton was the nominal head of the party, being the nominee. Those folks understood those help keep out people you don't want in.

Nobody told the head of the Democratic National Committee, including their nominee, that fences, barriers, and walls don't work. So they had it out there on full display because they didn't want anybody coming in they didn't want there, and that includes people who were not delegates or the people they wanted. They knew that walls, fencing, and barriers would work, but only if you have security there to watch over them.

So it is a good thing. So we had that picture.

Then here is a picture of a wall and fence. A lot of people say Israel has a wall around it, because they do have some wall, but most of it is fence. It works because they guard it.

□ 1530

We ought to be doing the same thing because, if we allow this Nation to continue to have people pouring in, even people who pour in well motivated, coming in illegally, they haven't been educated on how you keep a self-governing country, and you lose it.

Mostly, in history, they haven't lasted 200 years. That is about the end. We are beyond that. But we are headed to the dustbin of history unless we begin to teach all those here how you keep a republic.

And I know some have been miseducated and think socialism is the way to go—oh, it is so much more caring; you have got billionaires pouring in hundreds of millions of dollars—because they think, when all is said and done, they will be part of that top ruling class. In socialism you never have just one class—that is the way it is sold—but you have the big, powerful, rich ruling class, like oligarchs in Russia, and then you have the ruled class.

Actually, I saw it firsthand as an exchange student in the Soviet Union. You have got the rulers and you have got the ruled, and you don't really have a middle class. It is not a good way to live because you have got to have a totalitarian government, as Khrushchev found out when he tried to come up with a plan to get rid of government and go just to the "share and share alike" philosophy. He disbanded the commission because it didn't work. There is no way to ever go without a totalitarian government that tells you everything you can or can't do.

Anyway, Israel, walls work, fences work, those barriers work. And I think this is a lovely wall and fence.

My understanding is this one is part of—well, it protects the Hillary Clinton Chappaqua residence, Chappaqua, New York. Nobody has gotten word to Hillary Clinton, apparently, that these things don't work. You have got security. You have got the walls. You have got the fence.

I know she is saying otherwise now, but she knows. That is why she has got a wall and a fence. She knows it works. It is not immoral, trying to protect what you have got, protect the people you love, what you love.

There are just so many examples around the world.

I needed this marked. I believe this is Bill de Blasio's. I am not certain. I think this is his wall and fence because, even though he has said something like, "They have got plenty of money; it is in the wrong hands," he doesn't realize he is one of the wrong hands it is in.

And if he would get rid of his wall, he could invite all those people into his home, and he could stop saying walls are immoral, because he got rid of his immoral wall.

And, obviously, for those who don't understand sarcasm, that is sarcasm.

And these are examples here of walls, fences that work. They keep people out.

Now, the Iron Curtain, that was a different matter, because they were keeping people in that didn't want to be in, shooting people that didn't stay in.

But they work. That is why they are around prisons. That is why they are around jails or jail facilities. Yes, they work. We have found that for thousands of years.

So I hope that we will be more realistic in the arguments and debates that go on here, stop the ridiculous rhetoric.

Everybody in here knows walls work. That is why their home has outer walls instead of just some partitions in the middle of the home where anybody can walk in and around and through their home. They know those walls work.

So let's talk about what most people in here have voted for. Let's get the government reopened because we agree to do something to stop the death, the human carnage, the rape, all of these horrendous things brought about by drug cartels controlling our southern border. Let's stop it. Let's dry up the cartels.

And for those who don't care about the Americans, if your number one goal is to help the people of Mexico, help the people of Central America as well, the thing to do is get a barrier, get a wall where we need it, but secure the whole thing. Then we dry up the money to the drug cartels and Mexico becomes a top ten economy; they have a burgeoning middle class and they have a better standard of living.

The best thing we can do for Mexico and Central America: build a wall where we need it; secure the border; cut off the money, then, flowing to the drug cartels; and give the people of Mexico a life they deserve.

Having some trickle in—they have got 130,000 or so in Mexico. Having a million come in a year, that is still not helping the people of Mexico, and it is bringing down our own country because we are not prepared and able to take care of such mass illegal invaders on top of the million-plus legal visas we give people to come in our country.

Why? Because we are the most generous country in the world when it comes to philanthropy and when it comes to giving visas, because we know it is a strength to have many races, to have many national origins.

But the one thing that I loved about 9/12—when we gathered in our town square and we held hands, we sang hymns together, we prayed together—that day, for that day, there was not a single hyphenated America out there. Every person there said, "I am an American"—all races, creed, color, national origin, age. On 9/12, we were one nation, under God. And I hope and pray we can get back to that place.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 37 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1635

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro

tempore (Mr. MCGOVERN) at 4 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1642

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCGOVERN) at 4 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MASSIE (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today on account of attending a U.S. Army Basic Combat Training graduation ceremony.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 43 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, January 18, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE MEMBERS, RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, AND DELEGATES

The oath of office required by the sixth article of the Constitution of the United States, and as provided by section 2 of the act of May 13, 1884 (23 Stat. 22), to be administered to Members, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates of the House of Representatives, the text of which is carried in 5 U.S.C. §3331:

'I, AB, do solemnly swear (or Affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.'

has been subscribed to in person and filed in duplicate with the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the following Members of the 116th Congress, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. §25:

ALABAMA

- 1 Bradley Byrne
- 2 Martha Roby
- 3 Mike Rogers
- 4 Robert B. Aderholt
- 5 Mo Brooks
- 6 Gary J. Palmer