

Finally, in a culture where aborted babies are collateral damage in so-called women's healthcare, we should all fear that, following unborn children and newborns, there will soon be new targets for disposal.

PROTECT THE INNOCENT CHILDREN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, as an obstetrician, I have delivered thousands of babies and helped moms through pregnancies for 25 years.

I stand before the House today disgusted by the murderous, barbarous legislation pushed by Democrats in New York legalizing abortions for any reason, all the way until the due date of the baby. This extremist antilife abortion measure is literally nauseating to me.

How sad it is that we live in a time when extremists are legalizing the murder of innocent, defenseless children. The legalization of these late-term procedures that amount to infanticide are the worst thing I have heard in my entire professional lifetime.

I call on my obstetricians and other physicians who deliver babies. I call on the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and all physician associations to openly denounce and refuse these murderous procedures. Legal or not, this is morally reprehensible.

As a father, a grandfather, a physician, and a human being who loves people, I cannot sit here in good conscience while this is going on, regardless of it being on a State level. I will do everything in my power to combat this position from spreading and protect these innocent children.

THE IMPACT OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ON FAMILIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, yet another instance of illegal immigration impacting real families has occurred in the western States, Nevada and California.

I thank President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump for honoring three people from my district tonight as guests for the State of the Union Address.

Sadly, Debra Bissell, Heather Armstrong, and Madison Armstrong will be here as guests because of the tragedy that happened in their life. They are the daughter, granddaughter, and great-granddaughter of Gerald and Sharon David, who were murdered in their home in Reno, Nevada, just this last month.

The murderer? An illegal immigrant from El Salvador who had been living in Carson City for over a year. No mo-

tive has been released, but, then, does the motive really matter to this family, to yet another loss of life due to illegal immigration and the sieve we have of a border in this country?

But Gerald and Sharon were two of four people who this man, whose name I will not mention, shot dead in their homes over the course of a week. The other two victims were Connie Koontz and Sophia Renken, from Reno, Nevada.

These brutal murders will have a tremendous impact on the families of each of these victims, including Debra, Heather, and Madison, whom we will meet tonight.

When we talk about border security, when the President speaks about it tonight, these three faces should serve as a reminder of the real-life consequences of our open border policy that this country seems to have.

This is not just a talking point or political football to be tossed around. Real people are being hurt—the ones left behind—lives are being ruined, as well as the lives being taken, time after time, because the Congress can't get its act together to get a bipartisan solution for border security, for a border barrier, and a combination of things that it will take to effectively run the border, to patrol our border, and to give our personnel down there all the tools they need to do it effectively, safely for the American citizens and safely for themselves.

It doesn't matter if you want to call it a wall, a fence, a physical barrier, or anything else. It is long past time to do something about the crime, violence, drugs, and human trafficking.

The human trafficking, we don't talk about that enough, what is really happening to the people who are being brought across who do want to come seek something better in America but are subject to the coyotes who take advantage of them, extracting dollars from them and unspeakable things from the women whom they bring across the border and the kids. It is long past time to do something about all those subjects that are currently moving fairly freely in our country.

For Debra, Heather, and Madison from Redding, California, they represent three generations in their family that has been devastated by the status quo of our border situation.

I am grateful that President Trump is shining a bright, unmistakable light on this issue and the urgency with which we must address it. Every single day we do nothing is another day that another family is being potentially harmed in some way by the inaction and inability on both sides of the aisle to come together to get something effective done.

I wish it wasn't under these circumstances that Debra, Heather, and Madison will have to be here tonight. Their grief must be immense. But tonight, their story will be front and center for all America to see. It is certainly no consolation, nothing to as-

suage the pain they must feel, but I hope their presence might help spark some positive change in this country that is long overdue.

I thank the President and First Lady, again, for inviting them. I thank Debra, Heather, and Madison for their courage in having to share this tragedy and go through the pain in order to help advance a cause of sovereign borders and safety for other American citizens who will, hopefully, not have to go through this.

I ask the American people to join us in praying for Gerald and Sharon David, for their family that will join us here tonight, for other victims and family members who have been taken by the senseless killing, and to pray that a solution happens so we don't have any more of this in this great land.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ESPAILLAT) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Loving God, thank You for giving us another day.

The people's House prepares to welcome the President of the United States this day, and other governmental, judicial, and military leadership of our Nation. The world watches as America's great experiment in civilian self-government is in high relief.

May all who populate these hallways this day be possessed of goodwill and a shared commitment to guarantee the freedoms and responsibilities inspired by the soaring rhetoric and subsequent actions of our American ancestors.

May all that is said and done in this Chamber today rebound to the benefit of our Nation and the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from California (Mr.

LAMALFA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LAMALFA led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

DEMOCRACY FOR VENEZUELA

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the people of Venezuela have taken to the streets to demand an end to 20 years of dictatorship and repression. I am grateful that President Donald Trump is supporting the democratic aspirations of the Venezuelan people.

The people of Venezuela deserve to prosper. They are fortunate to hold the world's largest supply of crude oil, but decades of socialist corruption and mismanagement, first under Hugo Chavez and then Nicolas Maduro, have impoverished Venezuela.

Then came the sham 2018 Presidential elections. That is why the National Assembly President Juan Guaido implemented their constitution by declaring himself interim President and called for new elections.

We must continue to support hope in Venezuela. Free and fair elections must be held. The people of Venezuela deserve freedom and democracy.

In conclusion, God bless our troops and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF JOHN LEE

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

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the memory of John Lee, a resident of New Jersey's Seventh Congressional District who passed away on January 25 after waging a courageous battle with cancer.

Mr. Lee immigrated to America in 1987 and worked day and night to build a better life for himself and his family. In 2000, he became a citizen, and like many immigrants, he understood the meaning of civic duty and the importance of a single person's vote better than many of us whose families have been here for generations.

So when he was faced with a cancer diagnosis, his first thought was not to sink into despair. He simply asked: "What's next?"

As his diagnosis progressed, Mr. Lee began to understand the pressing need for legislation to protect people with preexisting conditions, and the question of, "What's next?" was answered.

He spent his remaining time fighting to help make our healthcare system more just and to make America, as he put it, a Nation of us, not of me.

Today, I am truly honored to be joined at the State of the Union by his siblings. Mr. Speaker, John Lee has already helped to shape our understanding of what must be done to make healthcare a human right for all Americans. May his legacy be that we have finally done it.

HONORING DICK TRAMMEL

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

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of a pillar of my community, an exemplary businessman, dedicated public servant, dear friend, and an all-around great American, Dick Trammel of Rogers, Arkansas.

Most know him as Mr. Northwest Arkansas. No one I know of has loved, served, and promoted northwest Arkansas more than Dick Trammel.

A native of Pocahontas, Arkansas, Dick was recruited to the northwest part of our State by Walmart founder, Sam Walton. Since moving to the area in 1975, he has been the area's most avid cheerleader. Cheerleading came natural for Dick, who was a University of Arkansas cheerleader back in the 1950s.

Nothing of importance in our area has happened in the last 40-plus years that doesn't have Dick Trammel's fingerprints on it. He was the only man to lead the Arkansas State Highway Commission for 4 years. He has been a mainstay in Rotary International, higher education, programs serving our youth, Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas, and dozens of other charitable causes.

Dickey Ray, congratulations on a terrific career and a life of serving your fellow man.

CONGRATULATING ACTING SECRETARY DAVID BERNHARDT

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Acting Secretary David Bernhardt for being nominated to serve as the next Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

President Trump announced that news on Monday after Acting Secretary Bernhardt has led the Department in a temporary capacity since December. I applaud this decision by the President. He has chosen a nominee that brings a strong background of industry experience and expertise to the table.

Under this administration, I have worked with the Department of the Interior to improve stewardship of our public's lands, to increase water storage, and improve forest management policies in California, as well as the West, and to help prevent more wildfire damage.

I know that will continue under the leadership of Secretary Bernhardt as it has since he has led the Department. I intend to invite him out to my district in California to see firsthand the issues that we face with our forests and public lands, including the ongoing Camp fire cleanup in Paradise, as well as the Carr fire in Redding from last summer, and the conditions that helped create these fires to begin with.

Until then, congratulations, and I urge the Senate to quickly move on the confirmation process.

STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today just hours before our 45th President, Donald Trump, will deliver the State of the Union Address.

Members of Congress and guests will fill the Chamber tonight to hear the President speak about a host of issues impacting America: from economic growth to trade deals, and infrastructure investments to immigration reform.

I look forward to hearing about the administration's successes and the plans for the future. I know that we all want to find commonsense, bipartisan solutions to the challenges before us.

Mr. Speaker, many distinguished guests will be here tonight, each with a story to tell and each representing the very best of America.

I will host Mr. Bill Jones, president of Penn United Technologies. Headquartered in Cabot, Pennsylvania in Butler County, Penn United Technologies provides high-quality, high-precision manufacturing solutions in various markets and employs more than 500 individuals.

Since 1971, Penn United Technologies has provided quality products and has established itself as an industry leader. It is an honor to have Mr. Jones here this evening, and I look forward to the President's address.

HONORING MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

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

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I would just like to give thanks to be able to be here at this State of the Union to hear about what our wonderful Nation is doing.

It is such an honor to be here, and to have the opportunity to be present during one of these State of the Unions. But, Mr. Speaker, most importantly, I want to recognize the men and women who are down range today serving this great Nation, and who can't be here and probably will never be afforded the opportunity to stand here in this great House and hear the State of the Union.