

And I would just say that the New Orleans community is better off because Angie Reed passed our way, and she will be sorely missed.

She also will hear those words: "Judge Reed, well done, my good and faithful servant."

SUPPORT THE K-9 HERO ACT

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

Mr. WRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have introduced the K-9 Hero Act last week.

Military and law enforcement K-9s work in tandem with the brave men and women who serve our great Nation. Once these heroes retire from service, the medical treatment they need is often significant enough to create a financial hardship for the individuals who care for them.

The K-9 Hero Act creates a grant program to assist nonprofits that take in retired working dogs or provide financial assistance to the owners of retired working dogs. These grants will cover medical costs, such as veterinarian visits, medical procedures, diagnostic tests, and medications, which tend to average around \$3,000 per year per dog.

As most know, just a few weeks ago, a K-9 played a crucial role in the capture and ultimate killing of ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. This K-9 took off, racing down an underground tunnel before cornering Baghdadi, leaving him nowhere to run. It is stories like these that inspired me to introduce the K-9 Hero Act.

These dogs assist our Federal Government in ways that no man or machine could, and it is unacceptable to me for them to live with inadequate medical care—or even be euthanized, in some cases—after sacrificing so much for our country.

This bill helps ensure these heroes are well taken care of during retirement and that their need for medical care never prevents them from finding a loving forever home. My K-9-loving colleagues on both sides of the aisle, I believe, should support this legislation.

STOP THE PRACTICE OF TELEABORTION

Mr. WRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my outrage over the practice of teleabortion. This practice, which gets its name from practitioners conducting abortions over the phone or computer, occurs when chemical abortions are induced with no healthcare provider present.

This practice sounds simple, except the woman taking the drugs isn't in a medical facility, no certified medical personnel are present, and if the drugs don't work as planned and the baby is not stillborn, it may still end up in a dumpster and the mother may end up in an emergency room.

The obvious danger is why I filed H.R. 4935, the Teleabortion Prevention Act. This legislation protects women's health by making it a Federal offense for healthcare providers to perform a

chemical abortion without first physically examining the patient, being present during the chemical abortion, and scheduling a follow-up visit for the patient.

Chemical abortions are induced using a two-step abortion pill regimen that can be taken up until the ninth week of pregnancy. Given the serious risks, the FDA has put regulations in place, but pro-abortion groups are looking for ways to get around the law.

If these FDA regulations are ever lifted, chemical abortion drugs could become available by prescription, enabling a single healthcare provider to mail chemical abortion pills to women and young girls across the country, regardless of State pro-life protections and whether they have seen a doctor and had an ultrasound performed. This legislation ensures these much-needed FDA regulations will not be lifted.

No doctor should feel comfortable prescribing a life-ending pharmaceutical drug without physically being there to administer it to the patient.

If the woman's health argument is really more than subterfuge that puts dressing on a tragedy, I urge my colleagues to join me in passing H.R. 4935, the Teleabortion Prevention Act.

NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR MONUMENT ACT

Mr. WRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise because yesterday I had the privilege of introducing the National Medal of Honor Monument Act, with my fellow Texan, Congressman MARC VEASEY.

Over the course of our history, over 3,500 United States servicemen and -women have been honored with our Nation's highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor.

The Medal of Honor is awarded to U.S. servicemembers who have distinguished themselves with extraordinary acts of valor. These men and women I am referring to went above and beyond the call of duty on the battlefield in order to preserve our families and way of life.

This legislation ensures that their contribution and patriotism are never forgotten. These heroic individuals deserve to be memorialized with a monument in our Nation's Capitol, among the other great Americans that have helped shape our Nation.

In Texas, we celebrate patriotism, American ideals, and our Nation's heroes. Earlier this fall, the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation chose my hometown of Arlington, Texas, as the location for the new National Medal of Honor Museum. This legislation makes it official.

Congratulations to Mayor Williams and the rest of Arlington's leadership for bringing it to the 6.8 million Dallas-Ft. Worth residents and the over 14 million visitors Arlington welcomes each year and, most importantly, the 1.8 million veterans and Active-Duty military that call Texas home.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair

declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 29 minutes a.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. DESAULNIER) at noon.

PRAYER

Rabbi Steven Abraham, Beth El Synagogue, Omaha, Nebraska, offered the following prayer:

Our God and God of our ancestors, we stand before You in this sacred Hall to ask for Your blessings upon the Members of this House, the leaders of our country, and the citizens of this great Nation.

May You bless our leaders with the wisdom to follow Your teachings; to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; to protect the widow, the orphan, and the stranger.

May You bless our leaders with compassion to open both their hearts and their minds to places and ideas where they are currently closed.

May You bless our leaders with the courage to do what is hard, to do what is unpopular, but to do what is right.

Sovereign of the universe, continue to protect the men and women of our Armed Forces; watch over our elected officials; and continue to grant peace, freedom, and prosperity to the United States.

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 Tennessee (Mr. GREEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee 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.

WELCOMING RABBI STEVEN ABRAHAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BACON) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my appreciation for my friend, Rabbi Steven Abraham, and thank him for leading today's session