

and the Washington Representatives Research Group. He served on the board of directors of the Public Affairs Council and as a charter member of the board of governors and treasurer of the Bryce Harlow Foundation. His club memberships included the Congressional Country Club, Metropolitan Club, National Press Club, Burning Tree Club, National Democratic Club, Capitol Hill Club, and the Jefferson Islands Club.

After graduating from public high school in Orlando, he studied journalism at the University of Florida and received his degree in 1959. From 1957 to 1959, he was sports editor of the Orlando Evening Star. After college, he joined the sports staff of the Atlanta Constitution. He later moved to Jacksonville, FL, where he opened his own public relations and advertising agency.

A lifelong loyal Floridian, he was a former president of the Florida State Society in Washington and the Washington Chapter of the University of Florida Alumni Club. He received the University's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1979.

Dick was an avid golfer and sports fan.

His survivors include his wife, Margaret "Peggy" Sewell, and their two children, Jane and Michael Sewell, all of Washington; his mother Bertie Sewell of Orlando; and a brother, Walter Sewell, also of Orlando.

All of us from Florida will miss Dick, a great American, a great friend.

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN
ACT OF 1995

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 1995

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1833) to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions:

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 1833, which would ban late-term abortion procedures. I respect and understand my colleagues who may be uncomfortable voting against this legislation. We all hope that the number of abortions performed in this country can be reduced. But today's debate should be about a family's right to make the devastating choice to end a wanted, yet terminal pregnancy safely and with dignity.

Medical misinformation has been spread freely with regard to the late-term abortion procedure, which was designed to minimize complications, pain, and trauma. The title of the legislation itself is fabricated and medically inaccurate.

Proponents of this legislation would have us believe that careless women carrying healthy fetuses choose this procedure because they simply neglected to have an abortion early in the pregnancy. They have obviously not spoken with any woman who has had to experience the pain and trauma of discovering she was carrying a fetus with severe abnormalities, incompatible with life. These are women who wanted more than anything to have and love a child. For many in the tragic circumstance, this abortion procedure is the safest option for them and their hopes for future fertility.

This bill is so extreme that it makes no exception for cases in which the banned procedure would be necessary to preserve a woman's health or even her life. In their relentless quest to ban all abortions, the proponents of this bill show a remarkable indifference toward women's lives.

Passage of this legislation would represent the first time in our country that a specific medical procedure has been banned. This bill is unwanted and unneeded Government intrusion into medicine and into the family. To those who campaigned in this Congress against Government presence in our families, I ask how can you support a bill that mandates family decisions and undermines women's fertility.

A family's decision to undergo this procedure is painful and personal. To limit their medical options in the face of this tragic circumstance is heartless.

This bill not only limits women's childbearing and reproductive rights, it risks our health and our lives. This is unconscionable and wrong. An exception must be made for the life, health, and future fertility of the mother.

This is a decision to be made by a woman, her family, her God, and her doctor. This is not a decision for Congress to make. I strongly urge my colleagues to oppose H.R. 1833.

TRIBUTE TO M. STELLA POLANCO
ROSARIO

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 1995

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, the contributions of Ms. Stella Polanco Rosario are vital and valuable. She has been directly responsible for dramatically improving the achievement results of Harlem's performance on the testing assessment placement [TAP] exam for adults. Ms. Rosario began her work in this area in 1982 when she became employed with the New York City Department of Employment. At the time, the Harlem center was ranked No. 9, but through Stella's diligent efforts, the center achieved No. 1 performance status in meeting the city's benchmark for client service and program initiatives.

Among her other contributions, Ms. Rosario has been instrumental in developing interdisciplinary planning programs for economically and socially disadvantaged youth. For the past 7 years, Ms. Polanco Rosario has been an education representative in Con Edison's Brooklyn Public Affairs Department.

Always willing to assist in meeting community needs, Stella has served on boards of directors for a number of not-for-profit community organizations in Brooklyn. She has raised money, planned events, and done whatever was necessary to make a positive difference. I am pleased to acknowledge the contributions she has made to enrich the lives of many in the Brooklyn community.

TRIBUTE TO GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL
OF GREATER ESSEX COUNTY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 1995

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I would like my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in extending much deserved recognition of Sunday, November 5, 1995 as Girl Scout Unification Day.

In a time when much of America's youth is often left without hope or direction, it is indeed inspirational to consider the wonderful work that is being done by the Girl Scouts, both nationally, and locally, in my home State of New Jersey.

The unification of Essex County and Hudson Counties' Girl Scouts is designed to produce a stronger base of resource for all of the girls and adult volunteers that so proudly serve their area.

On Sunday, November 5, 1995, there will be a celebration involving approximately 800 girls and adults representing more than 11,000 members from Hudson and Essex Counties. The Girl Scouts will march from both sides of the Jackson Street Bridge, meeting in the center to symbolically unite themselves into one acting body.

The Girl Scouts continue to be an incredibly positive influence in America's communities, teaching responsibility and leadership to our Nation's youth. The Girl Scouts have been able to bridge the gap between young women of all racial, ethnic, religious, and socio-economic groups.

With the unification of the Girl Scout Councils of Essex and Hudson Counties, we can look forward to continued success and great accomplishment. It is with great pride that I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sunday, November 5, 1995 as Girl Scout Unification Day.

SPEECH BY MARK ROBINSON

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 1995

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to insert in the RECORD a speech given by Mr. Mark Robinson to the Men's Fellowship of the St. John United Presbyterian Church in New Albany, IN, on September 13, 1995.

Mark has worked for many years at the New Albany office of the Legal Services Organization of Indiana. I have the greatest respect for him and the efforts he has made on behalf of numerous residents of southern Indiana.

Mark makes in his speech an eloquent and passionate defense of legal services. He provides an illuminating look into the mission of legal service organizations in Indiana and around the country—namely, providing desperately needed legal assistance to the indigent.

I hope all of my colleagues will take a moment to read this speech: