

arts degree in 1954 from Clark College in Atlanta and a master of divinity degree from Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, in 1957. His first pastorate was at a Baptist church in Pickens, SC.

Reverend Hartsfield is married to Matilda Hopkins and this year on August 28 they celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary. Reverend and Mrs. Hartsfield are the proud parents of four wonderful children: Pamela Faith, Danise Hope, Ruby Love, and Wallace S. Hartsfield II.

I have known Reverend Hartsfield over the years through his extensive involvement in the community. He has been a leader in many worthwhile causes and a wonderful role model for our city's young people.

Reverend Hartsfield recently chaired the capital fund campaign to expand and update Kansas City's Swope Parkway Health Center, which provides invaluable assistance to many people who could not otherwise afford or have access to quality, state-of-the-art health care. Millions of dollars were raised and the new health center stands as a testament to the untiring efforts of committed and dedicated people like Reverend Hartsfield.

His leadership was invaluable, also, in redeveloping a blighted part of Kansas City when he led the Baptist Ministers Union of Kansas City in their efforts to demolish the old St. Joseph's Hospital and replace it with a much-needed new shopping center, the Linwood Shopping Center. Residents of the city's central core had to travel some distances to buy groceries, drop off dry cleaning, and have a prescription filled, before the new development became a reality. Reverend Hartsfield successfully led the charge to come up with sufficient investment capital for the project, when resources for new development in that area of the city were scarce. He was also instrumental in the construction of a low-income 60-unit housing development, known as Metropolitan Homes, in that same geographical area.

Reverend Hartsfield has received numerous awards, including the One Hundred Most Influential Award from the Kansas City Globe newspaper; the Greater Kansas City Image Award, presented by the Urban League; he was named "One of the Top 50 Ministers in America" by Upscale magazine of Atlanta, GA; he received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from both Western Baptist Bible College in Kansas City and also from the Virginia

Seminary and College of Lynchburg, VA; he received the Minister of the Year Award from the Baptist Ministers Union of Kansas City; a Public Service Award from the Ad Hoc Group Against Crime; the Role Model for Youth Award from Penn Valley Community College, in Kansas City; and a Community Service Award from Kansas City, MO, and then-mayor Richard Berkeley, among others.

Reverend Hartsfield is also chairman of the Economic Development Commission of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.; second vice president of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.; president of the Greater Kansas City Chapter of Operation PUSH; and an adjunct professor of the Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, KS.

Reverend Hartsfield is a member of the board of directors for the national organization of Operation PUSH, the Congress of National Black Churches in Washington, DC, and the Morehouse School of Religion in Atlanta, GA, among others.

We are celebrating Reverend Hartsfield's 29th anniversary as pastor at the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church in Kansas City, and recognizing all of his good work and the leadership he has provided in the community over that span of time. He has blessed the lives of so many. Reverend Hartsfield loves people and he loves helping people. He has made a difference in the city he calls home, Kansas City, and we're proud to have him as one of its outstanding citizens.

Today, Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join with me and the congregation of the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, the family of Reverend Hartsfield, and the citizens of Kansas City, MO, in congratulating Reverend Hartsfield for his 29 years of service to his church and his community, and in wishing him many more wonderful years as pastor of the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church.

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN
ACT OF 1995

SPEECH OF

HON. EVA M. CLAYTON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

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:

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Chairman, I come before this House today to protect the intent of this legislation. In this country, we have a democracy, not a police state—so why are we in government legislating medicine as well as morality?

It is not the right of this House to govern, to micromanage how American physicians practice medicine. Who are we, without the benefit of the knowledge and specialized training, to dictate what procedures may or may not be performed by physicians. A weighty decision such as this should be left up to the mother, the father, their faith, and their physician—not controlled by government edict that is inflexible and ignores the specific and individual tragic circumstances. H.R. 1833 is a perilous infringement on the right of an individual physician to determine appropriate and necessary medicine treatment for each of their patients.

The legislative language of H.R. 1833 is extremely vague, without definitions of key phrases such as "partial-birth abortion" or "living fetus". With bills such as this, it is critical to have a concretely and tightly delineated definition for these terms of art. Without such definitions, this act of Congress would be ineffectual and unenforceable since no physician would be able to meet the burden of proof required for justification and defense of their actions.

Unfortunate circumstances, such as fatal fetal abnormalities and the fragility of the mother's life, call for sometimes unpleasant but necessary actions to sustain. This procedure is performed rarely and only as a last resort in order to preserve the life and the reproductive health of the mother. In tragic cases such as these, the families and the physicians have been through enough—especially faced with possibility that the mother will die as well as the child. Why turn them into criminals?

Mr. Speaker, I call on my colleagues to defeat this nebulous legislation that places physicians, who are charged by the Hippocratic Oath to save lives, at risk for criminal penalties as they strive to accomplish that goal.