

sacrifice to protect and preserve our freedoms. I also pass along my heartfelt condolences to Mark's family. This nation will be forever grateful to you.

IN HONOR OF MARIANO VEGA, JR.,  
RECIPIENT OF THE HISPANIC  
AMERICAN GOOD SCOUT AWARD

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 13, 2003*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Councilman Mariano Vega, Jr., who was honored on February 7th at the Hispanic American Good Scout Award Dinner at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark, New Jersey.

Mr. Vega's career demonstrates his dedication to social service and his compassion for families, children, and the elderly living throughout our community. Before serving on the City Council, he was director of Hudson County Department of Public Resources, chief of Hudson County Division of Social Services, and director of the Jersey City Division of Welfare.

A dedicated educator, Councilman Vega has worked in many capacities as part of his commitment to improving education. A former teacher and counselor, he also served as assistant director of Admissions at Montclair State College in New Jersey, and as acting director for the Equal Opportunity Office at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

A graduate of Montclair State College, Mr. Vega also studied at Rutgers University School of Social Work, School of Law, and Graduate School of Education; Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations; and has participated in the Leadership Institute on Workforce Development and the Hispanic Leadership Opportunity Program. Mr. Vega was a National Policy Fellow at the former Department of Health, Education and Welfare, which today is known as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Councilman Vega has served as president of the Jersey City Board of education and Jersey City Borinquen Lions Club and commissioner of the Jersey City Planning Board. He founded the Liberty Soccer Club and International Recreation and Educational Exchange Program, and was a founding member of the Liberty Academy of Visual Arts and the Hispanic Leadership Association.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mariano Vega, Jr., for his contributions to the City of Newark and the state of New Jersey, and his continued dedication to public service.

HONORING SUSAN B. ANTHONY

**HON. BARBARA CUBIN**

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 13, 2003*

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a true pioneer in the fight for women's rights; a woman who 183 years ago this month set out on a life and career that would earn her a place in history—Susan B. Anthony.

She is perhaps best remembered for her struggle to obtain equal rights for all, regardless of age, race, or gender.

To her, life was about the dignity of all people—from the most oppressed of women to the most innocent and defenseless of all, the unborn.

As a pro-life woman, I can very much identify with her deeply held belief in the rights of the unborn. I personally believe that life begins at conception. That means that I want to protect and nurture human life in every stage of development.

Partial birth abortion is not an option. It is a death sentence. It is my hope that this Congress will pass, and the President will sign, a measure outlawing this repulsive procedure.

Susan B. Anthony was truly a compassionate sole and a protector of women and children. I feel it very appropriate to recognize her on this anniversary of her birth.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY

**HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 13, 2003*

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, Susan B. Anthony is best remembered as a great women's rights campaigner. On February 15th, her 183rd birthday, we recognize that she was indeed instrumental in helping women achieve the right to vote.

Another piece of her legacy that is often brushed over but equally important is her commitment to the rights of unborn children. Susan B. Anthony believed that all people should be treated equally, and she made no exception for unborn children. She did not see a difference in fighting for women's rights and protecting the right to life for all children.

This is why I am taking this opportunity to honor her birthday today. As we think back on Susan B. Anthony's tireless work to promote the dignity of all life, let us renew our own commitment to fight for equal rights, especially for unborn children who have no voice to fight for themselves.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN IN  
MARINE CORPS

**HON. HEATHER WILSON**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 13, 2003*

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to commemorate the contributions of the thousands of women who have served in the United States Marine Corps throughout history. They celebrate their 60th anniversary today, February 13th, when the first group of women went off to Hunter College in 1943 to train as Women reservists to "Free a Man to Fight!" In honor of this anniversary I enter the following proclamation into the official record of today.

Whereas since its inception in 1943 to "Free a Man to Fight" under the leadership of Col. Ruth Cheney Streeter, thousands of women have served the Corps in every clime and place and have continued to be an essential part of the United States Marine Corps;

Whereas it should be acknowledged the women who serve a grateful nation are committed to preservation of the freedoms of this Nation and serve today at the forefront of our military in almost every specialty and;

Whereas it should be acknowledged that the first group of women who volunteered to serve their Nation led the way and broke the ground for all the women who serve today and are entitled to a special debt of gratitude and thanks;

Therefore, let it be known that the 60th anniversary of the women who have served in the United States Marine Corps marks a milestone that a grateful Nation acknowledges as those women and the women today and those that follow will continue to pursue a course of action that serves to inspire all freedom loving people in the world. SEMPER FIDELIS!

TRIBUTE TO OUR TROOPS

**HON. FRED UPTON**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 13, 2003*

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the brave men and women of the 415th Civil Affairs Company of the U.S. Army Reserve in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Often overlooked, our Reservists provide an invaluable service to our country and to our Armed Forces. The 415th Civil Affairs Company has been on continuous deployment for the better part of the last decade, separated from families, careers, and livelihoods. Now, these folks are being deployed to Kosovo to help keep the peace in an uncertain world. Freedom isn't free; it comes at a price—and individuals like these are the ones who bear the cost. I wish them a safe return.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT OF 2003" REP. STEVE CHABOT

**HON. STEVE CHABOT**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 13, 2003*

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, today, on behalf of a bi-partisan coalition, I have introduced the "Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003."

The "Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003" would ban the dangerous and gruesome procedure known as a partial-birth abortion in which a physician delivers an unborn child's body until only the head remains inside the womb, punctures the back of the child's skull with a sharp instrument, and sucks the child's brains out before completing delivery of the dead infant. The great majority of these abortions are performed on unborn infants from the 20th to the 26th week of pregnancy and more often than not on the healthy babies of healthy mothers. The "Partial-Birth Abortion Ban of 2003" is similar to the previous bans on partial-birth abortion approved by the House in that an abortionist who violates the ban will be subject to fines or a maximum of two years imprisonment, or both; a civil cause of action