Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, we finished this defense bill today and we have got a couple of gentlemen who are retiring from public office. We have two gentlemen from the Armed Services Committee, Mr. ANDREWS and Mr. UDALL, who are leaving the committee to run for the U.S. Senate, and I want to commend them and wish them the best. But we also have two gentlemen who are retiring from public office, and that is Mr. JIM SAXTON and Mr. TERRY EVERETT. I thought it would be proper at the end of this bill to talk about them because they are remarkable people.

JIMMY SAXTON is a guy who probably has learned more about our Special Operations Forces and their needs than probably anybody else in Washington, D.C. He is the guy who is the chairman of the first Terrorism Subcommittee, which oversees Special Operations, whether it's our SEALs, our Rangers, our Special Forces, or others. He took it upon himself to learn everything that he possibly could so that he could go back to the committee and put together a defense bill that gave them what they needed.

JIMMY SAXTON is a guy with a great heart. He is a lifelong friend of mine. We have been political allies and personal friends for many, many years. If you ask JIMMY SAXTON for a favor, he just does it. He doesn't ponder it, he doesn't have to analyze it or calculate, he just does it. That is a wonderful quality to have in a good friend because you can get lots of them from them.

I have always made it a habit to exploit JIMMY SAXTON for political favors because he is always there, ready to help. What a dear, wonderful friend JIMMY SAXTON is.

TERRY EVERETT, I have said this on several occasions, but this is a guy who is so critical to this country because he is a guy who shuns the limelight, shuns cameras, but works in closed rooms in classified session is in both the Intelligence Committee and the Armed Services Committee with that cross-pollenization of information and the right classifications and can see the right documents and the right information, that he is able to put together a coherent policy that will allow us to protect American interests in space, and by doing that, make sure we protect Americans who depend on space for our military eyes and our economic eyes.

TERRY EVERETT is going to be hard to replace. In fact, I don't think you can replace him. He is also like JIM SAXTON, a dear friend of mine. We have been political allies and personal friends, it seems forever, that great guy from Alabama. I went back to see his house one time that he built by himself, and when I walked into his woodworking shop, which is massive, and he has got more machinery than the average saw mill, I noticed there was some blood on the floor. It was dried blood. I said TERRY, What is that? He said, Well, I almost cut my thumb off one time and I just left that blood there to remind myself to be safe.

Well, TERRY EVERETT is one of those guys who's able to do all this great work for our country, working on space, working on missiles, working on missile defense, and also knowing the personalities, the people that populate the Pentagon and our intelligence agencies and Capitol Hill, and being able to weave all those people and all that technology together in a way that he has had such an impact on our national security.

So, like JIM SAXTON, TERRY EVERETT is going to be a man who is irreplaceable. Let me tell you, in my memory, both of these great Americans are irreplaceable for what they have done for their country and what their personal friendship has meant to me.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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## SUNSET MEMORIAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. FRANKS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I stand once again before this House with yet another Sunset Memorial.

It is May 22, 2008, in the land of the free and the home of the brave, and before the sun set today in America, almost 4,000 more defenseless unborn children were killed by abortion on demand. That's just today, Mr. Speaker. That's more than the number of innocent lives lost on September 11 in this country, only it happens every day.

It has now been exactly 12,904 days since the tragedy called Roe v. Wade was first handed down. Since then, the very foundation of this Nation has been stained by the blood of almost 50 million of its own children. Some of them, Mr. Speaker, died and screamed as they did so, but because it was amniotic fluid passing over the vocal cords instead of air, no one could hear them.

And all of them had at least four things in common. First, they were each just little babies who had done nothing wrong to anyone, and each one of them died a nameless and lonely death. And each one of their mothers, whether she realizes it or not, will never be quite the same. And all the gifts that these children might have brought to humanity are now lost forever. Yet even in the glare of such tragedy, this generation still clings to a blind, invincible ignorance while history repeats itself and our own silent genocide mercilessly annihilates the most helpless of all victims, those yet unborn.

Mr. Speaker, perhaps it's time for those of us in this Chamber to remind ourselves of why we are really all here. Thomas Jefferson said, "The care of human life and its happiness and not its destruction is the chief and only object of good government." The phrase in the 14th amendment capsulizes our entire Constitution, it says, "No State shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law." Mr. Speaker, protecting the lives of our innocent citizens and their constitutional rights is why we are all here.

The bedrock foundation of this Republic is the clarion declaration of the self-evident truth that all human beings are created equal and endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Every conflict and battle our Nation has ever faced can be traced to our commitment to this core, self-evident truth.

It has made us the beacon of hope for the entire world. Mr. Speaker, it is who we are.

And yet today another day has passed, and we in this body have failed again to honor that foundational commitment. We have failed our sworn oath and our God-given responsibility as we broke faith with nearly 4,000 more innocent American babies who died today without the protection we should have given them.

Mr. Speaker, let me conclude in the hope that perhaps someone new who heard this Sunset Memorial tonight will finally embrace the truth that abortion really does kill little babies; that it hurts mothers in ways that we can never express; and that 12,904 days spent killing nearly 50 million unborn children in America is enough; and that the America that rejected human slavery and marched into Europe to arrest the Nazi Holocaust is still courageous and compassionate enough to find a better way for mothers and their unborn babies than abortion on demand.

So tonight, Mr. Speaker, may we each remind ourselves that our own days in this sunshine of life are also numbered and that all too soon each one of us will walk from these Chambers for the very last time.

And if it should be that this Congress is allowed to convene on yet another day to come, may that be the day when we finally hear the cries of innocent unborn children. May that be the day when we find the humanity, the courage, and the will to embrace together our human and our constitutional duty to protect these, the least of our tiny, little American brothers and sisters from this murderous scourge upon our Nation called abortion on demand.

It is May 22, 2008, 12,904 days since Roe versus Wade first stained the foundation of this Nation with the blood of its own children, this in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. CALVERT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) is recognized for 5 minutes.