

has suffered this abuse. Instead of defending the one child policy, Vice President BIDEN should have asked for the release of Chen and Yuan, or at least made a formal request to see them.

Although Vice President BIDEN attempted to backtrack on his extraordinarily callous comment about the policy, his voting record as a Senator shines a spotlight on his long-held disregard for the severity of this human rights violation. On September 13, 2000, he joined 52 other senators in defeating an amendment by then-Senator Jesse Helms condemning the one child policy. Then-Senator BIDEN reportedly did so because he was concerned that condemning China on fundamental human rights would interfere with the normalization of trade relations.

I invited the Vice President to a hearing I held last week to explain his “full understanding” of the one child policy. I was informed that he was not in D.C. and could not attend. Given the grave importance of this issue, and the literally millions of lives at stake, I extend to the Vice President an open invitation to testify at a hearing at his convenience to share his “understanding” with the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, and what actions, if any, the Obama Administration is taking to end this barbaric policy.

I also asked Secretary of State Hillary Clinton at a hearing on March 1st of this year whether she or President Obama raised the issue of forced abortion in China directly in a face-to-face manner with President Hu when he was in Washington. She refused to answer it then, and I have yet to receive a response.

Not only is the current Administration turning a blind eye to the atrocities being committed under the one child policy, but it is even contributing financial support—contrary to U.S. law—through the UNFPA. Twenty seven years ago—on May 9, 1984—I authored the first amendment ever to a foreign aid bill to deny funding to organizations such as the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) that are complicit with China’s forced abortion and involuntary sterilization policy. After all these years, it is amazing and disheartening to me that most policy makers—including and especially the Obama Administration—remain indifferent or worse, supportive, of these massive crimes against women and children. The Obama Administration has long enabled this cruel policy by its silence and financial support to the tune of \$50 million a year to the UNFPA, an organization that supports, plans, implements, defends and whitewashes the Chinese government’s brutal program.

U.S. funding for the UNFPA was withheld in accordance with what is known as the Kemp-Kasten provision, which prohibits any monies for an organization that supports or participates in the management of a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization, for Fiscal Years 1986–1993, 1999, and 2002–2008.

In June 2008, Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte notified Members of Congress that he had determined that UNFPA had provided “financial and technical resources through its sixth cycle China Country Program to the National Population and Family Planning Commission and related entities,” and therefore provided support for and participated in the management of the Chinese government’s program of coercive abortion and invol-

untary sterilization. It was on this basis that no funding was provided to the UNFPA that year.

Unfortunately, despite the fact that the Seventh Country Programme, 2011–2015, clearly indicates that UNFPA’s support and participation in China’s coercive policies continue, the Obama Administration is allowing money to flow to UNFPA in violation of the Kemp-Kasten Amendment.

On one of several trips to Beijing, I challenged Peng Peiyun—then China’s director of the nation’s population control program—to end the coercion, we had quite a debate. Madame Peng told me that the UNFPA was very supportive of the one child per couple program and that the UNFPA adamantly agrees with her that the program is voluntary and that coercion doesn’t exist. In other words, I—we—are simply making it all up.

For over 30 years, the UNFPA has consistently heaped praise on China’s population control program and repeatedly urged other countries to embrace similar policies.

A few years ago this fall, the UNFPA and the Chinese government rolled out the red carpet and hosted high level diplomats from Africa including health ministers to sell “child limitation” policies. Despite the fact that China’s enforcement mechanism relies on heavy coercion and its aging population will soon implode its economy, many African leaders seem to have taken the bait. Limitations on the number of children a mother may carry to term are under active consideration throughout the continent.

President Paul Kagame of Rwanda for example wants a limit of three children per woman. I spoke to him directly about it and heard the same arguments I heard from family planning officials on trips to Beijing.

Last week, we heard about the broader social implications of the one child policy and the extreme disparity between the numbers of men and women in China, particularly in terms of security. Therefore, the negative ramifications of the policy for the Chinese people that we will be examining have implications also for numerous other countries and the world in general.

I appreciated hearing from all of our distinguished witnesses, and wish to extend my sincere gratitude for them joining us last week.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SPECIALIST RYAN JAMES COOK,
UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is with great respect and honor that I rise today to recognize the life of Northwest Florida’s beloved Specialist Ryan James Cook, of Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

Specialist Cook was killed in action by an improvised explosive device on Sunday, September 18, 2011 while on patrol in Takhar Province, Afghanistan. At the time, he was assigned to the 3d Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, out of Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

A resident of Fort Walton Beach for more than 20 years, Specialist Cook attended

Kenwood Elementary School, Pryor Middle School and Choctawhatchee High School. He was a true patriot. Remembered by those close to him, Specialist Cook was driven, determined, and had a reputation as a dependable friend.

His dependability and his strong sense of duty led him to enlist in the Army three years ago. In a sign of his intrepidity, he chose to serve in the infantry.

Ryan was a beloved member of his community. He is survived by his loving family, daughter, Keira James Cook; mother, Kathleen (Cook) Silva; stepfather, Frank Silva; wife, Kari Cook; sisters, Alyssia (Silva) Hawkins, and Kristie (Silva) Dunaway; brothers, Jordan Silva and Darell Lewis; maternal grandmother, Mary (Cook) Byrne; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Specialist Ryan James Cook for his selfless service and sacrifice in defense of our nation. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers for his entire family. He will be truly missed by all.

CHARLES R. HOYNOWSKI

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Charles R. Hoynowski for his exemplary service to our country and state. Mr. Hoynowski served honorably in the United States Naval Reserve from 1961 to 1967. In that time, Mr. Hoynowski was injured while serving in Cuba during the Cuban crisis. Additionally, Mr. Hoynowski earned the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, Navy “E” Ribbon, and the Navy Reserve Meritorious Service Medal. It is because of the service of veterans like Charles Hoynowski that all Americans have the freedoms that we enjoy today.

After leaving the service, Mr. Hoynowski went on to have a distinguished 20-year career as a Pennsylvania State Trooper. In 1991, Mr. Hoynowski retired from the Pennsylvania State Police, but his commitment to public service, and especially veterans, did not end. Mr. Hoynowski has always fought for the rights of veterans. He believes that the United States must honor all living veterans so they can enjoy the fruits of the liberties they defended.

In 2005, Mr. Hoynowski opened a \$400,000 log cabin veterans’ club on Blackman Street in Wilkes-Barre. He also erected a monument to honor all of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, and to honor all veterans.

Today, Mr. Hoynowski continues to fight for the rights of veterans in Northeastern Pennsylvania by educating local veterans on what government benefits they are entitled to, and by contacting local elected officials to advocate on behalf of veterans. Americans like Charles Hoynowski are the reason why the United States of America continues to be the greatest country in the world.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize Mr. Charles R. Hoynowski for his service to the United States of America, and to his fellow veterans. He has played an integral role in ensuring that our community’s veterans are given the recognition and benefits they deserve.