

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

MARCH FOR LIFE

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. SCHOCK. Mr. Speaker I rise today to recognize the thousands of Americans who have come to Washington, D.C. for the annual March for Life. Starting as a grassroots movement in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's fateful 1973 decision in *Roe v. Wade*, the March for Life has grown to over 200,000 participants in recent years. I applaud this year's marchers who traveled across the country, including many from my home state of Illinois, to show their support for the unborn.

Abortion is one of the great tragedies of the last half century. In 2008 there were 1.21 million abortions in the United States, the equivalent of 100,000 abortions per month. I believe we need to continue to work with women, many of whom are afraid of the consequences of an unwanted pregnancy, on the alternatives to abortion. Crisis Pregnancy Centers, for example, provide various services to pregnant women including pre-natal care, counseling, pregnancy tests and information on adoption.

Putting a child up for adoption is never an easy choice, but it is a preferred alternative to abortion. Adoption gives the pregnant woman the opportunity to bring happiness to another family that may not have the ability to have children of their own. According to the Administration for Children and Families and the U.S. Census Bureau, 57,000 children were adopted in the United States in 2009. Those 57,000 children will now have a better chance to have a successful and productive life.

On this, the 38th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, I applaud the hard work of all who were involved in this year's March for Life. I urge my colleagues to support legislation which honors the most innocent of human life.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today I rise before you to congratulate the University of Notre Dame Women's soccer team. The Irish won the NCAA National Championship for the third time with a 1 to 0 win over top-ranked Stanford University on December 5, 2010. The game, played at WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, NC, capped a successful 22-2-2 season. With the spectacular victory, Notre Dame became just the second school in the 29-year history of the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship to win three titles, having also won in 1995 and 2004.

The 2010 season was one of many successes for the team. Aside from capturing the

championship trophy, Head Coach Randy Waldrum was named the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Mondo Division I National Coach of the Year. This was the third consecutive season that Coach Waldrum has been recognized for a national coaching honor. In 2008, he was named the Field Turf Tarkett Division I National Coach of the Year and in 2009, he was awarded the Soccer America Division I National Coach of the Year. In his twelve years as coach at Notre Dame, he has posted a 253-36-11 record and has led the team to five national championship games and seven Big East titles. Coach Waldrum was assisted by Coaches Dawn Greathouse and Ken Nuber and volunteer Assistant Coach Jeannette Boudway.

However, Coach Waldrum credits the successful season to the dedication and skill of his players. The 2010 Fighting Irish included: Seniors Rose Augustin, Lauren Fowlkes, Erica Iantorno, Julie Scheidler, and Nikki Weiss; Juniors Courtney Barg, Ellen Bartindale, Molly Campbell, Haley Chamberlain, Brynn Gerstle, Melissa Henderson, Ellen Jantsch, and Jessica Schuveiller; Sophomores Lindsay Brown, Jazmin Hall, Liz McNeil, and Jordan Snyder; and Freshmen Mandy Laddish, Adriana Leon, Kecia Morway, Elizabeth Tucker, Tayler Turner, Rebecca Twining and Elizabeth Wilson. Coach Waldrum noted after the victory, "To me, we're the best team in the country . . . I'm really proud of the girls."

The players had many personal successes as well as team victories. Junior All-America Forward Melissa Henderson was named first runner-up for the coveted Hermann Trophy, soccer's national women's player of the year award. She also won the Honda Sports Award given to the nation's top player and was named Big East Offensive Player of the Year. Senior defender and co-captain Lauren Fowlkes, senior forward/midfielder Erica Iantorno and junior midfielder Molly Campbell were ESPN Academic All-District V selections. Lauren was then named to the 2010 ESPN Academic All-America Women's Soccer Team and was chosen in the first round of the 2011 Women's Professional Soccer Draft. Senior Rose Augustin was chosen in the third round of the draft. The team members worked hard on the field, in the classroom and in service to the community.

I offer my congratulations to the coaches, the players, members of the university administration and the Notre Dame community for their accomplishments this season on the road to the NCAA National Championship.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF MR. GORDON S. MURRAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and memory of Mr. Gordon S. Murray.

When Mr. Murray, a retired Wall Street executive, was diagnosed with an aggressive form of brain cancer in 2008, he decided rather than quietly and privately succumbing to the disease, he would write a guidebook outlining his investment strategy. In doing so, he helped many Americans make sense of investing.

Mr. Murray, a Baltimore native, spent years working for some of Wall Street's biggest names, including Goldman Sachs. Upon his retirement in 2001, he sought investment advice from Mr. Daniel Goldie of Dimensional Fund Advisors, who introduced him to a new way of understanding investment. Dimensional advisers suggested going against the Wall Street mentality of taking exorbitant risks and attempting to beat the markets. Mr. Murray was quickly convinced of this system's merits and began working for Dimensional as a consultant.

Last year, when brain scans revealed a new tumor, Mr. Murray made the decision to end aggressive treatment, and began to focus on writing a book with Mr. Goldie in an attempt to spread their knowledge to the greater public. They initially self-published the resulting book, "The Investment Answer," which sold out of the original 200,000 copies last fall. Mr. Murray passed away just days before the hardcover version of the book was set to hit shelves. Mr. Murray felt that writing "The Investment Answer" was a beneficial experience. He stated, "To have a purpose and a mission for me has been really special. It probably has added days to my life." (New York Times, 1/24/2011)

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and memory of Mr. Gordon S. Murray, who proved to be an inspiration through his refusal to let his terminal illness prevent him from achieving his life's work. Mr. Murray will be loved and remembered by many, especially his widow, Randi; his mother; his two sons, Sam and Ben; two sisters, Gillian Koerber and Norma Inglehart; his many friends, colleagues and all who knew him.

HONORING COLLIN RYAN CROSSLEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Collin Ryan Crossley. Collin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 260, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Collin has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Collin has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Collin

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has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Collin led the refurbishing effort for the horseshoe pits in Claycomo, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Collin Ryan Crossley for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

INTRODUCING THE DEFENSE AND DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Defense and Deficit Reduction Act, legislation that will reduce defense spending and thereby decrease the deficit over the next 5 years. This legislation serves as an addendum to the Majority's H. Res. 38, a resolution that reduces all non-defense discretionary spending to 2008 levels. If all other discretionary spending is slated for cuts under the Republican plan, then defense should not be exempt.

My bill will reduce government spending by over \$36 billion this year and about \$182 billion over the next 5 years. The legislation then requires that these funds be dedicated to reducing the deficit. As defense constitutes almost 60 percent of all discretionary spending, it only makes sense that it be included when other discretionary spending is being cut. These figures cannot and should not be ignored.

Even Department of Defense Secretary Gates has acknowledged the need for defense spending reductions saying, "We must come to realize that not every defense program is necessary, not every defense dollar is sacred or well-spent, and more of everything is simply not sustainable."

Going back to 2008 levels of defense spending would be approximately a 5 percent reduction. With the President reducing the number of troops in Afghanistan starting this year, we should be able to lessen our current spending on war costs. We also have the support of the American people. According to a recent CBS News Poll, over 50 percent of Americans believe we should reduce defense spending to decrease the Federal deficit. Making reductions to the defense budget can help solve our Nation's long-term fiscal problems.

If the new Majority in Congress really wants to lower the deficit as they claim to, then they must take all spending into consideration.

I urge my colleagues to join me in working to rein in wasteful spending and support the Defense and Deficit Reduction Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I regret missing floor votes on Monday, January 24, 2011 due to travel. If I were present, I would have voted: Nay on rollcall 17, on ordering the

previous question, H. Res. 43—Providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 38) to reduce spending through a transition to non-security spending at fiscal year 2008 levels; nay on rollcall 18, on agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 43—Providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 38) to reduce spending through a transition to non-security spending at fiscal year 2008 levels.

OFFICER DAVID MOORE

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, this weekend in Indianapolis, we were tragically reminded of the sacrifices our law enforcement officers make in order to protect our families.

Officer David Moore of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department was shot four times on Sunday morning during a traffic stop, and he's now fighting for his life in a local hospital.

There's no doubt Officer Moore knew the dangers of police work—his father is retired law enforcement, and his mother still serves on the Indianapolis police department.

But like so many who wear the badge in communities across our Nation, David Moore took an oath to serve and protect others. To run to danger—not away from it.

I ask all my colleagues to join me in praying for Officer Moore and his family. And I ask everyone in this esteemed body to go back to their districts and take the time to thank their local law enforcement officers for the work they do—and the sacrifices they make.

SPECIAL ENVOY TO PROMOTE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM OF RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN THE NEAR EAST AND SOUTH CENTRAL ASIA

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw the attention of my colleagues to the plight of Christians and other religious minorities in the Near East and South and Central Asia and to announce that I am introducing legislation which would require the administration to appoint a special envoy for religious minorities in these regions to make this issue a foreign policy priority. I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this important legislation.

Last October, at least 70 people were killed during a siege on Our Lady of Salvation Church in Baghdad making it the worst massacre of Iraqi Christians since 2003. Less than two months later, extremists bombed the homes of more than a dozen Christian families throughout Baghdad. In a hearing before the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, an Iraqi nun testified that the current spate of violence against Christians is worse than anything experienced under the ruthless dictator Saddam Hussein. The U.S. has a moral imperative to ensure that these minorities are protected.

On New Year's Eve, Miriam Fekry, a 22-year-old Egyptian woman posted on her Facebook page before leaving for mass that "2010 is over. This year has the best memories of my life. Really enjoyed this year. I hope that 2011 is much better. Plz God stay beside me & help make it all true." Tragically, that evening Miriam and 22 other people were killed by a suicide bomber in Alexandria, Egypt while coming out of mass at St. Mark and St. Peter Coptic Church. It was the worst violence against the country's Christian minority in a decade. Just ten days after the attack in Alexandria, an off-duty police officer fatally shot a Coptic Christian man and wounded five others Copts on a train in Egypt.

In Afghanistan and Pakistan, countries where the United States has invested its treasure and the lives of countless brave young American soldiers, persecution of Christians runs rampant. On November 7 last year, a Pakistani court sentenced Asia Bibi, a Christian mother of five, to death for the "crime" of blasphemy. Only after intervention by the international community was her execution delayed. Her fate remains unclear. Unfortunately this is symptomatic of a much larger problem in Pakistan. Pakistan's blasphemy laws are often used to victimize both religious minorities and Muslims. In fact, Punjab's governor, influential governor, Salman Taseer was shot and killed by his own body guard who reportedly told police, "that he killed Mr. Taseer because of the governor's opposition to Pakistan's blasphemy law."

In Afghanistan, a televised broadcast of Afghans being baptized resulted in the arrest of four Christians last August, who were eventually released due to international pressure. However, two Afghan converts to Christianity remain imprisoned on account of their faith. One of the Christian converts who is facing a possible death sentence reportedly said, "Without my faith I would not be able to live."

Other religious minorities including the Ahmadis, Baha'is, Zoroastrians and Jews are under increasing pressure in the region.

Last May, militants in Pakistan attacked two Ahmadi mosques in Pakistan killing at least 80 people. While the Ahmadis consider themselves Muslim, Pakistani law does not recognize them as such and they have been the target of large-scale coordinated attacks by extremist groups.

According to the Baha'i World News Service, some 335 Baha'is have been arrested in Iran on account of their religious beliefs. Seven leaders of the Baha'i faith in Iran have been imprisoned since their arrest in 2008. According to the State Department's 2010 International Religious Freedom Report, Zoroastrians living in Iran also face persecution and blatant discrimination.

Members of the Jewish faith continue to experience discrimination and persecution throughout the region. The Special Envoy for Anti-Semitism Hannah Rosenthal has noted that Holocaust glorification "is especially virulent in the Middle East media."

In the wake of these devastating attacks on religious freedom, which in some cases are so severe that they literally threaten to wipe these ancient indigenous communities from the lands they've inhabited for centuries, it is clear that more must be done. Sadly, against the backdrop of these attacks, the post of Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom at the State Department has been vacant for two years.