

is a patient in need of care, just like anyone else, and despite that amazing window to the womb—ultrasound imaging.

In 1976, Dr. Willard Cates and Dr. David Grimes then with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) presented a paper to a Planned Parenthood meeting entitled “Abortion as a Treatment for Unintended Pregnancy: The Number Two Sexually Transmitted Disease.”

These two abortion doctors reduced the child in the womb to the equivalent of a parasite or disease to be vanquished. As far as I know, no one at Planned Parenthood objected to the dehumanizing language and obvious bigotry towards children.

The evidence of significant harm to women who abort increases each year.

Abortion hurts women’s health and puts future children subsequently born to women who aborted at significant risk. At least 102 studies show significant psychological harm, major depression and elevated suicide risk in women who abort.

The Times of London reported that, “[S]enior . . . psychiatrists say that new evidence has uncovered a clear link between abortion and mental illness in women with no previous history of psychological problems.” They found, “that women who have had abortions have twice the level of psychological problems and three times the level of depression as women who have given birth or who have never been pregnant . . .”

In 2006, a comprehensive New Zealand study found that 78.6 percent of the 15–18 year olds who had abortions displayed symptoms of major depression as compared to 31 percent of their peers. The study also found that 27 percent of the 21–25 year old women who had abortions had suicidal idealizations compared to eight percent of those who did not have an abortion.

Abortion isn’t safe for subsequent children born to women who have had an abortion. At least 113 studies show a significant association between abortion and subsequent premature births. For example a study by researchers Shah and Zoe showed a 36 percent increased risk for preterm birth after one abortion and a staggering 93 percent increased risk after two.

Similarly, the risk of subsequent children being born with low birth weight increases by 35 percent after one and 72 percent after two or more abortions. Another study shows the risk increases nine times after a woman has had three abortions.

What does this mean for her children? Preterm birth is the leading cause of infant mortality in the industrialized world after congenital anomalies. Preterm infants have a greater risk of suffering from chronic lung disease, sensory deficits, cerebral palsy, cognitive impairments and behavior problems. Low birth weight is similarly associated with neonatal mortality and morbidity.

Dr. Alveda King, niece of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whom we honored on Monday, has joined the growing coalition of women who deeply regret their abortions and are “Silent No More.” Out of deep personal pain and compassion for others, Dr. King, who had two abortions and the women of “Silent No More” challenge us to respect, protect and tangibly love both the mother and the child. The women of “Silent No More” give post-abortive women a safe place to grieve, and a roadmap for reconciliation.

This week, with the full and unequivocal support of Speaker BOEHNER and Majority Leader CANTOR, more than 150 Members and I will introduce the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act—a government wide prohibition on taxpayer subsidization for abortion and conscience protections with durable remedies.

Abortion is not health care. And polls show that taxpayers strongly oppose publically funded abortion—67 percent according to a recent Quinnipiac University poll.

Our new bill is designed to permanently end any U.S. government financial support for abortion whether it be direct funding or by tax credits or any other subsidy.

Regarding conscience rights—last year, Cathy DeCarlo, a nurse at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York was compelled—despite her strong moral and religious objections—to assist in a grisly D&E abortion which has been described by the U.S. Supreme Court as a procedure where the doctor uses forceps to tear apart the unborn child. D&E abortion is a gruesome act of child abuse.

Ms. DeCarlo sued—asserting her right to conscience had been violated under existing federal law. Her case was dismissed, however, due to the lack of prescribed remedies.

The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act protects conscience rights of individuals and institutions by empowering the courts with the authority to prevent and redress actual or threatened violations of conscience.

President Obama has said he wants abortion to be rare. Well, Mr. Obama, here is a bill for you. Even the Guttmacher Institute, the former research arm of Planned Parenthood, says that taxpayer funding bans are a proven abortion reduction method. According to Guttmacher, studies show that when abortion is not publically funded, abortions in the covered population are reduced by roughly 25 percent.

REMARKS ON JOHN F. KENNEDY

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, West Virginians still smiling?

It seems improbable that it could have been fifty years ago, that America’s youngest new leader, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, took center stage, here at the U.S. Capitol, to assume the Presidency. He delivered an inaugural address that ignited the hopes and energies of a generation that would, in large measure, take up his call to serve their country.

It was, of course, the good people of my home State of West Virginia, who launched the youthful Senator’s campaign for the presidency in the 1960 West Virginia Democratic Primary Election. In May of last year, the golden anniversary of the campaign was celebrated with exhibits, readings, talks, films, recording oral histories and other festivities to mark the pivotal turning point in Senator Kennedy’s campaign. In Logan, West Virginia, the courthouse square was christened ‘Kennedy Square.’ At Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College, a course on the campaign has been taught for years. Plans have been discussed about pursuing a permanent exhibition in Logan, commemorating the

campaign, his Presidency and their impact on our State.

Many of my constituents have personal fond and lasting memories of the Kennedys’ visits during the campaign and then as President. I, myself, credit President Kennedy’s Inaugural Address with my earliest interest in pursuing public service.

The Kennedy voice was much more than a call to action, it was a blueprint for the future: the Peace Corps, VISTA, Appalachian Regional Commission, Head Start, Medicare and a slew of other efforts to level the playing field for Americans.

Though President Kennedy’s address was one of the shortest in history, it earned him lasting respect from untold generations of Americans and our allies around the World. I would suspect the humble, self deprecating President would demur at that comment. But, his ever present humor and wit was in good form at the June 1963 American University Law School graduation of our very own, Senator Robert C. Byrd, when Kennedy, himself, quipped about brevity as he began his remarks: President Anderson, members of the faculty, board of trustees, distinguished guests, my old colleague Senator Bob Byrd, who has earned his degree through many years of attending night law school while I am earning mine in the next thirty minutes, ladies and gentlemen. . . .”

In 1963, it was a rainy day in Charleston, West Virginia, when President Kennedy attended our State’s Centennial celebration. He opened his comments with these remarks, “While the Sun doesn’t always shine in West Virginia, the people always do.” President Kennedy’s words fifty years ago still ring through our hills and manifest themselves through many avenues, enriching our lives with his federal initiatives, calling young and old alike to give of themselves for their fellow citizens, and bringing a smile to all those who remember or are just learning of the West Virginia Kennedy legacy.

I hope the Kennedy Inaugural Address will be read in classrooms and community centers and town squares to celebrate this anniversary, and that, we together, work to fulfill the challenges it presents every American Citizen. Let us go forward with his words firmly in our resolve, “knowing that here on earth God’s work must truly be our own.”

STATEMENT COMMENDING STAN ISRAEL FOR 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO SEIU

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to recognize the retirement of my good friend Stan Israel, Executive Vice President of SEIU District 1199—New England. For 35 years, Stan has spearheaded efforts to organize health workers, and his hard work has consistently won justice at the worksite for laborers of all skill levels and backgrounds.

Stan began by organizing non-union health employees at nursing homes and hospitals in New York into Local 1199. While leading contract negotiations on behalf of the workers, he also advocated for fundamental reforms: adequate staffing levels, safe workplaces, and

well-defined job responsibilities. His success earned him a promotion to the 1199 New England headquarters in Connecticut, where he served briefly before coming to Rhode Island in the summer of 1983.

Since his arrival, Stan has fought tirelessly to ensure that Rhode Island healthcare workers are the most fairly treated in the country. He has earned a reputation as a tough but fair negotiator and as a champion of employees throughout the entire healthcare system. Stan has also collaborated with management for the benefit of his members, most notably with a \$650,000 grant from the Federal Government to fund professional growth programs.

Stan has been a leader in lobbying the Rhode Island Legislature to pass just workplace protection laws. During his tenure, Rhode Island enacted the Hospital Conversion Act, which protects workers when hospitals are sold or merged, and the Safe Patient Handling Act, which bans mandatory overtime for nurses. The infrastructure he has developed at Local 1199 leaves it well poised to continue fighting for employees in the coming years.

A true public servant, Stan has selflessly volunteered throughout his time in the state. A settler trustee of the New England Employees Welfare Fund, he played a pivotal role in creating and developing the fund, which oversees the health insurance plans of thousands of healthcare workers and their families. He is the President of the Rhode Island SEIU State Council, Vice President of the Rhode Island AFL-CIO, and a founding board member of Ocean State Action, a leading state advocacy group.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that the Ocean State is home to many devotees of justice, and Stan Israel is one of the best among them. I would be remiss not to mention his lovely wife, Cynthia, and children, Caitlin and John, whose support has been integral in his many lasting accomplishments, and I join with them and all those whose lives he has worked to improve in wishing Stan the best in his retirement.

IN HONOR OF INEZ
KILLINGSWORTH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ms. Inez Killingsworth, founder of Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People (ESOP), as she is recognized by ESOP for her multitude of achievements. Ms. Killingsworth has a long history of standing up for the rights of the people of her community, refusing to let their needs be ignored.

Ms. Killingsworth founded the East Side Organizing Project in 1993 as a means to address the unsafe conditions of her Union-Miles neighborhood. During the early 1990s, ESOP, under Ms. Killingsworth's leadership, began to rally against the lack of credit available to African Americans in the community. When predatory lending in the area increased and more and more community members were facing mortgage payments they could no longer afford, ESOP turned its focus to addressing this growing problem. ESOP became a statewide venture in 2008, when it opened 10 offices

throughout the state of Ohio. The organization was then renamed Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People. ESOP acts as a foreclosure counseling agency. Through tactics varying from protesting banks to negotiating agreements between lenders and borrowers to taking financial executives on tours of the collapsing neighborhoods that are in peril due to predatory lending, ESOP has helped thousands of families in Ohio avoid losing their homes. In 2009, 80% of ESOP clients received favorable loan modifications.

In 2010, Ms. Killingsworth received a Purpose Prize from the San Francisco think tank Civic Ventures. This prize is awarded annually to ten Americans over the age of 60 who are changing the world in the second half of their lives. The award comes with a \$100,000 prize, part of which Ms. Killingsworth intends to use to create a program to help newly released felons find work. She also intends to address problems in other areas, such as the lack of healthy food choices in poor, urban neighborhoods.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Ms. Inez Killingsworth for her unwavering dedication to solving difficult challenges faced by the people of Ohio. She has been a role model in her community, relentlessly fighting for justice. I wish Ms. Killingsworth peace, health and happiness in all her future endeavors.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the contributions of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

CITES was created in 1973 to ensure that international trade in wild plants and animals does not threaten their survival. Launched with a few signatory nations, CITES has now 175 parties that have an international obligation and responsibility to protect our planet's endangered animals and plants. Nearly 5,000 species of animals and 28,000 species of plants are protected by the convention against over-exploitation through international trade. Adherence to these protective measures has benefited the conservation of animals and plants worldwide.

Unfortunately, more and more species are at risk of extinction and international trade, both legal and illegal, which has exacerbated the dangers. International wildlife trade is estimated to be worth billions of dollars per year and to include hundreds of millions of live plants and animals and derived products such as food products, leather and fur, ornamentals, medicinal, and timber. Such high levels of exploitation of and trade in wild animals and plants, together with other factors

such as habitat loss, are capable of bringing some species close to extinction.

Every two to three years, the parties of CITES meet at the Conference of the Parties to review the status of species in danger of extinction and establish trade restrictions. The 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties was held in March 2010. Several proposals were submitted during the summit, some of them ensuring better protections for endangered species, others trying to downlist species and re-open trade. While proposals to downlist elephant populations in Tanzania and Zambia were successfully defeated, several proposals to establish stronger protections for the polar bear, eight sharks, the bluefin tuna and other species were unfortunately rejected. I am saddened to see that economic interests have prevailed over species conservation, risking to bring species close to extinction. This is unacceptable.

My resolution will recognize the important contributions the convention has made in regulating international trade in endangered species and protecting endangered species worldwide. It will also applaud the convention's leadership in protecting elephants in Tanzania and Zambia. Lastly, the resolution will urge all parties to the convention to collaborate effectively to curb excessive exploitation of species for international trade and to adopt stronger protections for several endangered species at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2013.

Mr. Speaker, the United States has a moral obligation to protect endangered species and their natural habitat. Wild animals are a very important part of our commonly held natural resources and contribute to the diversity and stability of our environment. We must continue to maintain a balanced and healthy ecosystem that allows for the coexistence of both human beings and the world's most incredible species. It is essential to work with the international community to ensure the survival of these species. I believe that the stakes are too high to let national interests and differences hinder the future of our planet.

I urge my colleagues to join me in protecting wildlife and promoting environmental conservation across the globe by supporting this important resolution.

REPEALING THE JOB-KILLING
HEALTH CARE LAW ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that passed in 2010 is the law of the land. It extends historic protections to millions of Americans, ensuring access to quality health care. I voted for this law and I am grateful for the support I received from my constituents in Minnesota's fourth district for my work on reforming our nation's broken health care system.

Access to quality health care is essential for all Americans. I firmly believe health care should be a right for our citizens, not a privilege or a luxury only for the most fortunate who can afford it. I am committed to working