

“conscientious objection” to performing an abortion that would save her life, without even being required to refer her elsewhere for help.

We have insisted that politicians not place themselves in the operating room to judge the motives of a woman seeking a constitutionally protected medical procedure if they thought her decision may have been based on the gender or race of the fetus.

Mr. Speaker, we stand on the shoulders of giants of women who went before us on this, and we take up the cudgel to keep it safe and legal.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

(Mr. MESSER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reflect on 40 years since the ruling of the United States Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade*.

Our President, in his inaugural address yesterday, recognized the fact that this Nation has long understood that we are all endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights. Chief among them is the right to life and the recognition that it's rooted in, that every life is precious and deserving of dignity.

Today, I took the first of what will be many steps in my congressional service to protect life by cosponsoring H.R. 217, the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act, to ensure that family planning grants are used for their intended purposes and not by organizations like Planned Parenthood to provide abortions.

Mr. Speaker, as a Nation, we must do better. Our children deserve better. My hope is that with hard work, persuasion, and prayer we will once again become a Nation that recognizes the dignity of every human being and recognizes again our God-given unalienable right to life.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

(Ms. FRANKEL of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 40th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and the freedom of reproductive choice that this historic decision provides for all women in America. This is a very personal and private choice.

When I gave birth to my son, Ben, it was the most precious moment in my life. His life has brought me great joys and great responsibilities. The decision to bring Ben into this world was made by his father and me. It was our choice. We didn't call the Governor. We didn't call the Congress. It was our choice.

And so today, I proudly honor the 40th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and

thank those who have fought so bravely to ensure that women have the right to make those life-changing personal decisions that affect them and their families. As we celebrate, we must be mindful that there is more work to be done to protect reproductive choice for our daughters and our granddaughters.

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HONORING COACH TODD MCDUGALL

(Mr. HECK of Washington asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HECK of Washington. My wife, Paula, and I live about 500 yards from Olympia High School and its baseball field, and every spring we wander over and watch the team play. For the past 20 years, it's been coached by Todd McDougall, and he's a great coach.

Todd's just 42 years old. He's taught his entire career at Olympia High School. He is one of those—and we all know them—great teachers, as is his wife, Julie, a middle school science teacher.

So you can imagine the community heartbreak a few weeks ago when he was diagnosed with glioblastoma grade 4 brain cancer. Coach McDougall could use our prayers right now, as could Julie, their 11-year-old daughter, Marlee, and their twin 9-year-old sons, Andrew and Dylan.

I hope you'll find out more about this remarkable man at Friends for Todd McDougall on Facebook.

ALAMEDA COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

(Mr. SWALWELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the great work done by the Alameda County Family Justice Center, a nonprofit organization in California's East Bay, which represents my district.

I was an Alameda County prosecutor, and it was during my tenure that the Justice Center was founded by my former boss, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley. Prior to its existence, people in my area subjected to domestic violence, human trafficking, or sexual assault had to navigate a complicated bureaucracy and go to many different places to obtain much-needed services.

The Justice Center changed that by coordinating and centralizing critical programs in just one place. It operates as a one-place location for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking, offering services like counseling, job training, and housing. Those suffering at the hands of abusers now have a place to rest, recover, and restore their lives.

As a prosecutor, I saw the horrible damage that these crimes cause, and I

am grateful that the traumatized victims of the East Bay have the Justice Center to which they can turn.

In a few days it's holding its sixth annual fundraising gala called One. I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone involved good luck with the event and continued success in helping all victims of the East Bay.

ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, President Obama struck several important themes. None was strategically more vital than making America energy-independent again. Then he referenced the related challenge of climate change and its impact on life on our continent and world. Only fools would fail to pay attention to the necessity of change to meet the needs of a new era.

Our dependence on importing foreign oil cost America over \$321 billion last year, racking up a \$140 billion trade deficit in petroleum and energy alone. With that lost income comes lost jobs by the hundreds of thousands. So many more people could be employed here at home, developing domestic energy sources rather than defending exploitation and extraction abroad.

And on climate change, the President recognized the reality of fierce and expensive weather incidents like Hurricane's Sandy and Katrina, or our declining lake levels and river levels, like the Mississippi, or the 2-foot drop in Lake Erie over the last year. We must anticipate and adapt our lives where possible.

Yes, as the 113th Congress begins, our primary aim will be to welcome the challenges of change, not cling to the past. Working together, as the President challenged, America can meet the test of a new day. My brother, Steve, the inventor, innately grasps this challenge. So must we.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

(Mrs. CAPPS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I also rise today to recognize the 40th anniversary of the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision. This landmark decision granted American women the right to make their own personal health decisions, in consultation with their family and their faith, and without government intrusion.

However, this right has been under steady attack in recent years, with a clear goal: to make it so difficult to obtain a safe and legal abortion that it's become de facto illegal. But I'm among those who remember what it was like when women were pushed into the

shadows to get care, and we cannot go back to that dangerous time.

The truth is, none of us can walk in the shoes of each woman facing an unwanted pregnancy, so let's use this anniversary to renew our commitment to ensuring that every woman in America can make her own decision and walk her own path.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

(Ms. HANABUSA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, on December 13, 1971, the United States Supreme Court heard arguments in a case called *Roe v. Wade*.

Then, 13 months later, 40 years ago today, the United States Supreme Court issued its decision on the case, a case that every law student reads, a case that has defined a woman's right to control her body and her future, and the definitive decision on women's right to choose. And this was delivered by Justice Blackmun for the Court.

I reread that decision on this day and was struck by the statement that the task for the Court is to "resolve the issue by constitutional measurement, free of emotion and of predilection."

Justice Blackmun went on to quote Justice Holmes in *Lochner v. New York*, and he said:

The Constitution is made for people of fundamentally differing views, and the accident of our finding certain opinions natural and familiar or novel and even shocking ought not to conclude our judgment upon the question of whether statutes embodying them conflict with the Constitution of the United States.

Interestingly, it was Chief Justice Roberts who also looked to Justice Holmes in deciding *ObamaCare*. Both cases on the 14th Amendment, both looking to the Constitution. Forty years later, good law.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

(Ms. BONAMICI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, 40 years ago today, *Roe v. Wade* gave women the right to make their own decisions about reproductive health care. Without it, women's lives would be very different.

History shows us that when abortion is illegal, it does not go away; it becomes dangerous. And that's why it's important to continue to make sure that abortion is legal, rare, regulated, and safe.

Before *Roe*, more than a million women each year took great risk to access health care they needed. They faced unlicensed and ill-equipped physicians, unsanitary conditions, illness, and death. This is why the Supreme Court ruling was so important 40 years ago. It ensured safe, legal abortions for these women.

Roe v. Wade ensures the basic right of privacy, the freedom to control one's body and one's future. It can be easy to feel complacent today, but the threats against reproductive health care rights are increasing.

There is still work to be done. Today, 40 years later, we must continue to fight so that women's reproductive health care rights are not rolled back.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

(Mr. HOLT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, 40 years ago today the Supreme Court affirmed the dignity and independence of each American woman. The result of the decision was an understanding that our Constitution guaranteed decisions about a woman's own body should be left up to that woman, in consultation with her doctor, her family, and her religion, not the Federal Government.

There is now a generation of women who do not remember the time before *Roe v. Wade*, a time when men assumed they could say what women could and could not do about their personal private health care and reproduction.

We still have a lot of work to do. Unfortunately, over the past 40 years there have been numerous legislative attempts to deny this right to women and treat women who exercise control over their own bodies as criminals.

We have to make sure that we defend also Title X, maternal and child health care programs, public access to reproductive health care, and that we reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. But we must remember the time before *Roe v. Wade* and what is at stake.

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40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

(Ms. DEGETTE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEGETTE. Yesterday, in his inaugural address, our President reminded us of the founding principle of our Nation—that all Americans are created equal. For the women of this great country, there can be no greater means of equality than the right to reproductive choice.

Today, on the 40th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, I come to the floor to reflect on that landmark decision that allowed American women the freedom to make health care decisions on their own, in consultation with their family and doctors.

I don't know the story of every woman who's had to make a difficult decision, but I can tell you this: each one is unique. Each woman's story is her own. As a politician, I'm not going

to tell women when to get checkups or when to get mammograms. And no politician, now or ever, should tell a woman how to handle her pregnancy.

Just this morning, *The Wall Street Journal* issued a poll that showed Americans agree with this; 7 in 10 Americans believe *Roe v. Wade* should stand. And I think everybody who tries to reverse this fundamental right should keep that in mind.

Thank you to everybody who fights every day for the rights of women. Today is a day to be grateful and to celebrate and to commit to hard work in the future.

NO BUDGET, NO PAY

(Mr. TIPTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIPTON. As we begin the 113th Congress, it is time that this Congress does what hardworking families and small businesses across our country do every day: balance our budget and actually work within a budget. We have families right now that are struggling. The impacts of this Congress and its inability to be able to have its fiscal house in order cannot be overstated when it comes to hurting those families and small businesses.

We're going to be putting forward legislation to make sure that that debt ceiling will be increased for a temporary period of time, but with the requirement that this House and our counterparts in the United States Senate actually pass a budget for the American people. If we can't do that, then we as Members of Congress don't deserve to be paid. No budget, no pay. This is common sense—to stand up for the American people to make sure that we are getting this fiscal house in order and looking out for our children and for our grandchildren.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today, we mark the 40th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark decision which enshrined a realm of personal privacy that is deeply connected to the personal freedoms that we hold dear in this country. As one Justice put it, it's the simple right to be left alone.

The right to choose is meaningless without access to choose. Yet the Republican-led Congress has chipped away at access, voting 10 times to limit access in the last Congress to a woman's basic right. Last year, there were 43 laws that were passed in 19 States that would restrict access to a woman's right to choose.

This past election, women made it loud and clear that the right to choose is one that they believe in, and that is