

These words helped guide President Trump's actions in office as he advocated for pro-life policies both domestically and abroad. Domestically, President Trump fought to defund Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers from receiving Federal funding. He prohibited such entities from receiving title X funding and permitted States to prohibit them from participating in Medicaid as well. In 2018, President Trump issued a rule requiring health insurers to specify whether plans cover abortion. He also issued rules to protect religious objectors and moral objectors from the Department of Health and Human Services contraceptive mandate. In addition, the President established a new Conscience and Religious Freedom division of the Office for Civil Rights to protect healthcare providers who object to participating in abortions.

President Trump's commitment to the unborn was just as strong abroad. Just days after his inauguration, President Trump ended Federal funding of abortion overseas by reinstating the Mexico City Policy, which prohibits nongovernment organizations receiving U.S. aid grants from performing and promoting abortions overseas. He directed the Secretary of State to implement the ban on taxpayer funds for overseas abortions across most U.S. global health programs through his Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance policy.

In addition, President Trump also defunded the United Nations Population Fund, a program long tied to China's forced abortion one-child policy. To further underline this, the Trump administration in 2020 declared to the United Nations that abortion is not a human right and signed the Geneva Consensus Declaration, where 33 nations joined together to reaffirm the value of unborn life. Finally, in January 2021, the Trump administration and called for the Chinese Communist Party to immediately end its system of forced abortions.

In addition to his work within the executive branch, President Trump also showed his commitment to the pro-life cause by nominating constitutional conservative and originalist judges to the Federal judiciary. He nominated three originalist Justices to the U.S. Supreme Court: Justice Neil Gorsuch in 2017, Justice Brett Kavanaugh in 2018, and Justice Amy Coney Barrett in 2020. More broadly, President Trump nominated 234 new article III judges who share this commitment to upholding our Constitution as written.

As the pro-life movement advances, it is important for us to recognize how we got here. Former President Trump deserves praise for all his administration did over the past 4 years to advance the cause of the unborn. I am grateful for that work and recognize the tireless advocacy of the Trump administration to protect both women and their babies.

#### RECOGNIZING THE INTERCESSORS FOR AMERICA

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Madam President, for many years, thousands of members of the Intercessors for America—IFA—have been devoted to prayer and fasting in the name of protecting the unborn and of ending abortion. The IFA was founded in 1973 in an era when our Nation experienced turmoil within the political, moral, and traditional values that are the cornerstone of our Nation.

In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its divisive landmark decision in *Roe v. Wade*, legalizing abortion and shocking the majority of Americans. IFA has worked since then to mobilize our Nation to pray for the protection of innocent life and to find unity among the cultural conflicts in our country. Today, IFA is a national organization of millions of like-minded people who are steadfast in praying for God's support and guidance for our Nation's executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government.

I thank the members of IFA for their dedication, prayers, and fasting in support of the sanctity of life. Their work has helped increase awareness for the pro-life movement and its overarching goal to defend the unborn. It is the decades of prayer and hard work of so many pro-life advocates that has led us to this moment in history in which the Supreme Court will be hearing oral arguments in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. This case, which focuses on the constitutionality of a Mississippi law that bars abortion after 15 weeks, could reset the abortion issue and return it to elected leaders, who are more directly accountable to the people than Federal judges.

Today, I recognize and pay tribute to the role of the IFA in the nearly 50-year fight to protect innocent life in the womb. I also join with the IFA in praying for the members of our Supreme Court, who are now preparing to hear the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case. May God grant each Justice wisdom for the task and mercy for the unborn.

#### TRIBUTE TO SAM BROWNBACK

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Madam President, it is an honor to pay tribute to my fellow public servant Sam Brownback of Kansas. During his service both as Governor of Kansas and as a U.S. Senator, he advocated tirelessly for the right to life. More recently, during the last administration, he served as the U.S. Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, fighting for the free exercise of religion abroad.

After a couple years in the House of Representatives, Ambassador Brownback represented Kansas in the Senate from 1996 to 2011. He came to the Capitol with a background similar to mine. I served as the Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce prior to coming to the Senate, and Ambassador Brownback served as Kansas's

Secretary of Agriculture before coming to DC.

Upon joining the Senate, Ambassador Brownback consistently supported pro-life legislation and voted in defense of the sanctity of life. Through his 15 years in the Senate, he supported pro-life legislation including the Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act, the Born Alive Infants Protection Act, the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act, and the Hyde amendment.

This support for unborn life continued when the people of Kansas elected Sam Brownback to be their Governor, a position in which he served from 2011 to 2018. As Governor, he signed numerous laws protecting unborn human life, including a measure that made Kansas the first State to ban dismemberment abortions. Furthermore, during his tenure, Kansas passed laws restricting funding to abortion providers and banning sex-selective abortions, among many others.

Sam Brownback's steadfast efforts paid off. By the time he became an Ambassador in 2018, Kansas had become the second most pro-life State in the Nation, as ranked by the Americans United for Life. In fact, the number of abortions in Kansas dropped by nearly 30 percent, a testimony to the success of his policies promoting a culture of life.

But his efforts did not stop there. Upon his confirmation in 2018 as the U.S. Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, he continued the fight to protect life and stand up against injustice abroad. He worked hand-in-hand with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in condemning the Chinese Communist Party for its regime of forced abortions and sterilizations.

Throughout his long and commendable career in public service, Ambassador Brownback has shown a remarkable commitment to the sanctity of life. As the Supreme Court prepares to hear the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case, I am pleased to rise to recognize leaders in the pro-life movement who have advanced the cause to this point. Ambassador Brownback is definitely among those leaders for his many years as a champion for life.

#### TRIBUTE TO SEAN DUFFY

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Madam President, as the U.S. Supreme Court prepares to hear oral arguments in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case, I am taking time to recognize leaders in the pro-life movement who have helped bring us to this point. Today, I pay tribute to former Congressman Sean Duffy, who represented the pro-life values of the Seventh District of Wisconsin for five terms from 2011–2019.

Throughout his time in the House, Representative Duffy remained unwavering in his commitment to the sanctity of life. Whatever pro-life issue

arose, Representative Duffy was there to defend the unborn and the value of all life.

As religious liberty issues entered in the debate over the Affordable Care Act—ACA—Representative Duffy fought to keep taxpayer funding from covering abortions in ACA health plans. His opposition was part of his larger effort to oppose taxpayer funding for abortion in any arena, a fight embodied in his support of the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act.

As our Nation a few years later learned of the horrors perpetrated by notorious abortionist Kermit Gosnell, Representative Duffy took to the House floor to highlight the evil of abortion as shown in Gosnell's case.

When videos revealed that Planned Parenthood was illegally selling fetal tissue from aborted babies, Representative Duffy joined his colleagues in calling for an investigation into this travesty. His pro-life leadership role led to an appointment to the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Select Investigative Panel on Planned Parenthood that investigated that organization's illegal fetal tissue sales.

A true pro-life hero, Representative Duffy leads by example in living out his pro-life values. On August 2019, Representative Duffy announced his resignation to focus on his ninth child who was born with heart defects and Down's syndrome.

Representative Duffy, along with his wife Rachel Campos-Duffy, stands as an inspirational example of how to champion pro-life and pro-family values in both public roles and in private lives.

#### TRIBUTE TO BETHANY KOZMA

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Madam President, I rise to recognize Bethany Kozma, former Deputy Chief of Staff at the United States Agency for International Development—USAID. She deserves to be honored for her tireless work during the last administration to execute pro-life, pro-family, and pro-religious freedom policies across USAID.

While her efforts in this regard garnered criticism, Mrs. Kozma remained resolute in advancing the Agency's firm pro-life positions. Her courage is an example to us all to cling tightly to our strongly held values, even in face of criticism.

Standing strong, Mrs. Kozma played an integral role in helping the U.S. Department of State, USAID, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services better synchronize their efforts in countless multilateral negotiations. This synergy helped ensure that the agreements formed by those negotiations did not promote or permit abortion.

In my own work here in the Senate, I know staff members toiling behind the scenes do important work that allows me to do my job successfully. No doubt, that is also true in the executive branch.

The work of dedicated agency staff like Mrs. Kozma was integral to the many pro-life successes of the past administration. Her tireless work helped ensure the United States could lead in pro-life policies abroad. Mrs. Kozma and others like her deserve recognition and our gratitude.

#### TRIBUTE TO MIKE POMPEO

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Madam President, I rise to pay tribute to former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. During Mr. Pompeo's time at the State Department, he worked tirelessly to defend unborn children around the world. Under then-Secretary Pompeo's leadership, the United States stood as a nation that values all human rights, including the right to life. His bold leadership encouraged other world leaders to join the United States in standing against efforts by some within the United Nations to make abortion on demand an international right.

Mr. Pompeo established his pro-life bona fides during his four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. During that time, he supported numerous pieces of pro-life legislation, such as the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act and the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

His commitment to the pro-life cause continued in his role as our Nation's top diplomat. A few particular successes stand out.

First, Secretary Pompeo initiated a new compliance mechanism to ensure enforcement of the Mexico City Policy, which prohibits taxpayer dollars from being used for abortion overseas. Under the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance policy, the State Department would refuse to partner with any foreign organizations involved in supporting abortions. Additionally, these nongovernment organizations will also have to provide certification to the State Department that they are not involved with abortions. This highly successful policy closed an overwhelming proportion of the loopholes that had previously allowed organizations to skirt compliance with the Mexico City Policy.

Second, Secretary Pompeo ensured full enforcement of the Siljander amendment, an annual rider in the State and foreign operations appropriations bill to prohibit the use of U.S. funds, including foreign assistance, to lobby for or against abortion abroad.

Third, the Department of State led the United States to sign the Geneva Consensus Declaration in 2020, which reaffirmed "that there is no international right to abortion." Thirty-three other nations, representing more than 1.6 billion people, also signed the declaration, an achievement that would not have been possible without American leadership on the issue.

Finally, Pompeo's Department of State in 2020 also sanctioned China for its many human rights abuses, including forced abortions and forced sterilizations.

These accomplishments make clear that former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo made true strides in vigorously defending the right to life of the unborn babies around the globe. His endeavors deserve our applause and gratitude.

#### TRIBUTE TO MORSE TAN

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Madam President, I rise to pay tribute to Morse Tan, former Ambassador at Large for Global Criminal Justice, whose dedication to the legal defense of human rights and the rights of the unborn is commendable.

Morse Tan's work to promote these values has spanned the globe. As an expert on North Korea, he has written extensively about the human rights abuses occurring in that country and how those responsible can be held accountable. In his book, "North Korea, International Law and the Dual Crises: Narrative and Constructive Engagement," Tan sheds light on the genocide of Christians in North Korea, focusing specifically on the forced abortions imposed on many North Korean women.

As Ambassador at Large for Global Criminal Justice during the last administration, Ambassador Tan worked to gather evidence of China's repressive treatment of the Uyghurs and other ethnic minorities, including forced abortions and forced sterilizations. Based in part on the Ambassador's work, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in July 2020 imposed sanctions on Chinese officials because of human rights abuses. Furthermore, Secretary Pompeo determined that China had committed crimes against humanity and genocide against the Uyghurs and other ethnic minority groups, based on the findings of an internal review led by Ambassador Tan.

Ambassador Tan has also undertaken significant work on behalf of the sanctity of life in the United States as well. He has filed amicus briefs in two Supreme Court cases regarding pro-life issues. In *McCorvey v. Hill*, Ambassador Tan coordinated, researched, and edited some 24 amicus briefs on behalf of Norma McCorvey, who was the plaintiff "Jane Roe" in *Roe v. Wade*. In *Cano v. Baker*, he coordinated, researched, and edited 22 amicus briefs on behalf of Sandra Cano, who was the plaintiff "Mary Doe" in *Doe v. Bolton*.

Finally, I hope that Ambassador Tan's work as a law professor in courses such as bioethics, international human rights, and constitutional law will inspire a new generation to take up the legal fight to protect the sanctity of life.

It is an honor to recognize Ambassador Morse Tan for his uncompromising work to defend the right of the unborn babies in courts and to bring justice and accountability for perpetrators of forced abortions around the world.