

right by, as I say, those voiceless and vulnerable and to consider the divine worth of every human life that we have taken an oath to serve, from womb to tomb.

It is written in Psalm 139: "For You created my innermost being; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

We should do all in our power to stand for life and to ensure that the unborn get to live out each of the days that God ordained for them before one ever came to be.

Let us unite as a legislature to determine that, in the United States, we will preserve the most basic right to life and the ability of good-willed Americans to provide life-affirming care in pursuit of that cause.

#### GUARANTEEING AMERICANS ACCESS TO ACCURATE HEALTH INFORMATION

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

Mrs. SYKES. Madam Speaker, I rise to voice my opposition to legislation brought before this body today.

Our focus in this Congress should be to guarantee the American people have access to accurate health information, including their reproductive health. As we talk about crisis pregnancy centers today, we need to be clear and transparent about what these centers are actually able to do and, most importantly, not do.

Too often, people go to these centers expecting a certain level of care due to their misleading name, but they cannot actually get the medical attention they deserve and need. They target low-income and minority communities and shamefully insinuate that they are healthcare providers when they are not.

As such, these centers are inherently contributing to misinformation that fuels the high infant and maternal mortality across our country, which disproportionately impacts Black women and babies.

If we are serious about protecting life, we need to be honest and these centers need to be honest and provide transparent information about the services they provide to pregnant women and their families.

I hope this Chamber will work together to find real solutions to improve maternal and infant health outcomes for the American people. Lives are certainly dependent upon it.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose the legislation before us today.

#### FLORIDA KEYS MIGRANT CRISIS

(Mr. GIMENEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today as our Florida Keys are under a state of emergency.

The President's unwillingness to secure our border, coupled with his pathetic policy of appeasement and concessions to the brutal Castro regime in Cuba, have created a migratory crisis unlike any other that the Florida Keys has seen in decades.

Since August 2022 alone, Federal, State, and local law enforcement have encountered nearly 10,000 people in waters off the coast of Florida, and the Biden administration is directly responsible.

Dry Tortugas National Park has already been forced to close because of this crisis, affecting the tourism-dependent economy of our Florida Keys constituents, boaters, and tour operators, and the Biden administration is directly responsible.

Secretary Mayorkas has repeatedly demonstrated abdication of his responsibilities as leader of the Department of Homeland Security and failed to enforce our public safety immigration laws. That is why I am calling on him to resign immediately.

Governor Ron DeSantis quickly activated the National Guard, and I commend him on behalf of my constituents for his leadership and bold action.

I am calling on the Biden administration to take action now. We must reimburse Monroe County and the State of Florida for local resources that have been expended to process and care for the latest wave of migrants. We need to increase Customs and Border Protection onsite in Monroe County and provide additional resources to the Florida Keys.

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#### REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

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

Ms. BALINT. Madam Speaker, the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* was dehumanizing and dangerous. It does not reflect the will of the majority of Americans who deeply value control over their own bodies.

As leader of the State senate in Vermont, I worked to make sure that my State was the first in the Nation to explicitly protect reproductive freedoms in its constitution. It is time to provide these same protections for all Americans.

While Republicans seek to control women's bodies to try to distract us from their extreme stances with farcical resolutions, my Democratic colleagues and I will not stop until reproductive freedoms are restored as the law of the land.

The American people are overwhelmingly with us. They want their rights. They want their freedoms.

As a woman, as a mother, as a Congresswoman, I will continue to fight

for a world where abortion care is legal, safe, and accessible for all Americans.

#### PROTECTING THE UNBORN

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

Mr. MORAN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to stand here today on the floor of the House of Representatives to serve as the voice of east Texans in Congress.

As a man of faith and father of four children, I rise today for the very first time as a Member of Congress to stand for the sanctity of life and in full support of children nationwide. I can think of no better cause than the cause of life.

Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague, Congresswoman ANN WAGNER, for bringing this valuable bill to the floor. I am proud to be an original cosponsor of the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which will ensure that all children who are born are protected and treated the same as any other newborn.

Every life is a gift. Every life has a calling divinely given by God. I stand firmly committed to protecting those lives and to opposing any action that threatens them. This legislation is the next step in our effort to protect our future generations and return to our Nation's values.

#### REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

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

Ms. PETTERSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today because at a time when Americans across the country are facing urgent needs, Republicans are choosing to spend the first week of Congress attacking women's reproductive healthcare.

This week, we should be advancing legislation to fight inflation and lower everyday costs for families who are struggling to make ends meet. We should be passing measures to improve our education system and address our dire workforce shortages.

Instead, Republicans are doubling-down on their assault on women's reproductive freedom, even though the vast majority of Americans believe that women should have the right to choose.

I came to Congress to make a meaningful difference in people's lives and fight against extremism just like this.

The people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District sent me here to ensure these personal decisions are kept between women, their doctors, and their families, not Members of Congress.

Just like I did in the State senate, I will not stop fighting until all Americans have control over their own bodies, their own healthcare decisions, and their own lives.

### HONORING NEBRASKA'S 41ST GOVERNOR JIM PILLEN

(Mr. FLOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Nebraska's 41st Governor, the newly-inaugurated, Jim Pillen.

After traveling to all 93 counties in Nebraska, putting 100,000 miles on his truck, Jim has become a very well-known man, but I also wanted to share a little bit about his story with you.

Jim is the son of a tenant farmer and a seamstress. What most people don't know is that Jim came from almost nothing. He is a self-made man. His entrepreneurial spirit built Pillen Family Farms into a company with international success.

If you have eaten bacon in the last decade, you have probably enjoyed the work of the Pillen family, which reaches all the way from hog genetics to meat processing and everything in between.

The pig farmer is wasting no time as Governor. He has already rolled up his sleeves, getting to work raising awareness about human trafficking, fighting for school choice, and making government more efficient.

Jim has pledged to bring people together to make Nebraska better day by day. Our Nebraska delegation is excited to work with him to move the State forward.

### REMEMBERING CHIEF MCINTIRE AND HONORING OFFICER SCHRECEGOST

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

Mr. DELUZIO. Madam Speaker, I rise today with the solemn duty to honor the life of Brackenridge Police Chief Justin McIntire, who was gunned down in the line of duty last week. His family and my community mourn Chief McIntire today at his funeral, as does this House and this country.

Chief McIntire was a hometown hero in Brackenridge and a life-long resident of the area. He gave his neighborhoods 22 years of selfless service as a police officer.

Day in and day out, like so many who wear a badge or a uniform, Chief McIntire put himself in harm's way to keep others safe, ultimately giving the last full measure of devotion.

He represents the very best of western Pennsylvania, the very best of America.

So, too, does Tarentum Police Officer Jordan Schrecengost, who was shot and wounded in the line of duty that fateful day, and is recovering.

Although Chief McIntire's watch has ended, we will never forget his sacrifice.

### THE PANDEMIC IS OVER

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, in September of 2022, President Biden declared the pandemic is over. Despite this, he has continued to extend his public health emergency declaration.

Declaring an emergency gives the President overreaching authority over Congress and the State health departments.

While this emergency is in place, the Federal Government can keep States from removing ineligible people—that the rolls should be cleaned up—from the Medicaid rolls, and the welfare state will keep growing unchecked.

This declaration has enabled the emergency use of vaccines and allowed the President to mandate involuntarily those vaccines to vast swaths of the public with little input or debate from Congress and the courts. It has also given him legal cover to buy votes with attempts at student loan debt forgiveness, rent freezes, and eviction moratoriums.

Under the cover of this declaration, the President attempted to change laws, impose decrees, and has altered the economic life of millions of Americans very negatively.

This is setting a terrible precedent by allowing the executive branch to rule by decree with no oversight or input from Congress. He is replacing Congress' speech and debate with his own Presidential pen.

This gross overreach of authority must end and move back to a debate and an open process.

### COMMEMORATE THE LIFE OF JAMES THOMAS WILBUN

(Mr. VEASEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of James Thomas Wilbun of Fort Worth, Texas.

Born November 7, 1918, in Hope, Arkansas. Mr. Wilbun grew up there where he obtained his education, including agriculture school. A dedicated veteran, Mr. Wilbun served in the United States military during World War II. For his service, he was given a number of honors, including recognition at the World War II museums in Washington, D.C., New Orleans, Los Angeles, and a ceremony that I was able to attend for him several years ago in Fort Worth.

Following his career in the military, he built a career as a landscaper and also served with the Fort Worth Independent School District until he retired.

A great listener and a happy man, Mr. Wilbun loved gardening, listening to gospel music, going to church, laughing, and he was an avid fan of the Texas Rangers and the Dallas Cowboys.

But most of all, he loved spending time with his friends, family, children, great-grandchildren, and great-great-

grandchildren, along with a host of other relatives.

I want to end by commemorating Mr. Wilbun for 104 years on this Earth, and to his service to the city of Fort Worth and our independent school district.

Madam Speaker, our prayers go out to all of his loved ones.

### VIOLENT ATTACKS ON PRO-LIFE ORGANIZATIONS AND FACILITIES

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

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to condemn the violent attacks on the pro-life organizations and facilities in the wake of the Dobbs leak and subsequent overruling of Roe v. Wade.

There has been very little accountability for the leaked draft opinion and ensuing violent intimidation against pro-life activists. That is why this resolution is so necessary. It makes it crystal clear that violence, property damage, threats, and intimidation tactics must be condemned, and they must have consequences for those who do this violence.

I am proud of the work of the Palmetto Women's Center in Rock Hill, South Carolina, in my district, as it does tremendous work.

The Biden administration needs to use all appropriate law enforcement mechanisms necessary to uphold public safety and protect the rights of these pro-life groups and facilities. Just because this administration doesn't agree with protecting the unborn doesn't mean they should turn a blind eye to violence and intimidation.

### REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

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

Mrs. TRAHAN. Madam Speaker, in every State where abortion rights were on the ballot last year, Americans voted to protect lifesaving reproductive care.

In Republican strongholds like Kentucky and Montana, voters rejected attempts to restrict or ban abortion. In Vermont, Michigan, and California, voters codified abortion rights into their State constitutions.

After such a resounding defeat for anti-abortion politicians, you would think that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle would have gotten the message.

But rather than listening to voters and bringing forward legislation to codify the reproductive rights our mothers and grandmothers fought so hard for, the new Republican majority is catering to demands of extreme Members in their conference who have called for a national abortion ban.

The partisan bills on the floor today will do nothing to protect women. Instead, they will undermine access to