

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

DEFUNDING PLANNED PARENT-
HOOD—CHILD ABUSE, INCOR-
PORATED

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today I joined Kristan Hawkins, Marjorie Dannenfelser from Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America and many distinguished pro-life leaders to call for the defunding of Planned Parenthood—Child Abuse, Incorporated—an organization that has slaughtered over ten million babies in their clinics and kills more than a thousand defenseless unborn babies each and every day.

For far too long, politicians and much of the media have ignored, trivialized, enabled, and whitewashed the business of Planned Parenthood—decapitating and dismembering helpless babies with sharp knives or poisoning babies with pills that literally starve them to death and often result in their bodies being flushed down a toilet.

Child decapitation, dismemberment and starvation are not health care. It is violence—and at a minimum, taxpayers should not be forced to pay for this hideous form of child abuse.

Federal taxpayers provide Planned Parenthood with nearly \$600 million dollars every year. That must end.

Reconciliation legislation offers an important opportunity to stop funding abortion purveyors like Planned Parenthood. This is an opportunity we cannot afford to miss.

Let's not forget that undercover videos have exposed in numbing candor several high-level Planned Parenthood leaders gleefully talking about procuring children's internal organs, all while altering gruesome dismemberment procedures to preserve intact livers, hearts, and lungs from freshly killed babies.

In February, the New York Times published an in-depth article detailing horrible clinic conditions, including sewage that seeped into a recovery room for two days, and the shocking treatment women have received, leading to patient complaints and a malpractice suit.

Our Nation should invest in real health care options for women and their families. Federally Qualified Health Centers, for example, provide comprehensive services, including prenatal care, STI testing and treatment. A 2022 report found "14 community-based health clinics and pregnancy centers for every one Planned Parenthood facility in the United States, including more locations in rural and underserved communities."

And with love and compassion, the pro-life movement will continue to tangibly assist women and girls—especially through the extraordinary work of pregnancy care centers. There are more than 2,700 pregnancy care centers throughout the United States—each and every one of them an oasis of love, compassion, empathy, respect, and quality care

for both mothers and their precious children. According to a January 2025 poll, 83 percent of Americans support these centers, including 80 percent of the individuals who identify as 'pro-choice.'

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to include in the RECORD one of the many outstanding statements from the press conference, offered by Toni McFadden:

"Good afternoon! My name is Toni McFadden, and I'm here to share my personal story—one that reveals exactly why Planned Parenthood must be fully defunded.

I was a senior in high school when I walked through the doors of Planned Parenthood's death facility. They had given me a false hope that if I aborted my baby, my parents would never have to find out, my already unstable relationship would have a fighting chance, and my life would go back to normal.

After receiving an ultrasound and asking the nurse multiple times if I could see the screen that was strategically faced against the wall, she reluctantly showed me but quickly stated that my 7-week-old baby and I quote, "was nothing, just the size of a pea." It would have been too honest of her to tell me that my baby already had a beating heart or that, at the moment of conception, their DNA was unique to them and would never ever be created again.

Instead of the truth I was given the poisonous chemical Abortion pills. The first set was taken with the abortionist and the second set was given to me to take in the comfort of my home. I was told it would only be like a heavy period.

I had complications like many women who think this is a simple thing to do. My pills didn't work correctly and when I called the abortion facility they simply said: "This is why we gave you 2 sets of the pills. Just take the second set and you will be fine." I wasn't fine. It would be the last I would hear from them. I was so uneducated and had the goal of no one finding out. I ended up experiencing severe hemorrhaging that began while I was in school about a month later.

I remember when I got home, keeping this secret from my parents. I went to the bathroom to my bed for hours just bleeding.

If I could go back, knowing what I know now—

I would give my baby life without hesitation.

Planned Parenthood didn't care about me. They didn't care about my baby.

And they don't care about women, especially minority women.

They exploit women for their own financial gain.

This is why they must be defunded. Abortion doesn't solve our problems—it adds to them.

Abortion doesn't bring healing—it leaves deep wounds and lifelong regret.

No woman should have to walk through what I walked through—

Believing lies, and left to suffer alone.

Abortion only reaps one thing: death.

So today, I stand not just for myself—

But for every woman who's been deceived.

For every child who was never given a chance.

We must stop funding the lies.

We must stop funding the pain.

We must stop funding death.

From the first heartbeat to the final breath, every life holds value. Every soul deserves a chance. Life is a gift worth defending."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VINCE FONG

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Tuesday, March 25, 2025. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 74.

CONGRATULATING MR. BRONICE
ODELL BRADLEY

HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Mrs. SPARTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bronice Odell Bradley of Carmel, Indiana who will turn 100 years old on April 9, 2025.

At 18 years old, Mr. Bradley enlisted in the U.S. Army and was assigned to Company A 394th Infantry, which was a tank division under General George Patton. He endured subzero weather at the Battle of the Bulge. While operating a machine gun on his tank, he was struck by shrapnel and later hospitalized for 13 months. Private First Class Bradley was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army on December 7, 1945.

After retiring from the military, Mr. Bradley and his wife bought a small distribution business, which they operated for 44 years.

My fellow Hoosiers and I wish Mr. Bradley a happy birthday and send him our deepest appreciation for his service to our country during his long and productive life.

OPPOSITION TO H.J. RES. 24 AND
H.J. RES. 75

HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, I oppose H.J. Res. 24 and H.J. Res. 75 because these resolutions roll back common-sense energy efficiency standards for commercial refrigerators, freezers, and walk-in coolers—standards that were rigorously developed by the Department of Energy (DOE) to save businesses money while cutting energy waste. These updated regulations are technologically feasible, economically justified, and essential for reducing long-term costs for small businesses like restaurants, grocery stores, and convenience

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stores. The DOE estimates that businesses using these appliances would save over \$11 billion in energy costs over the next 30 years—savings that would go back into local economies. I urged the Biden administration to finalize these rules last Congress, and I remain committed to protecting energy efficiency initiatives that reduce costs and pollution.

APPRECIATING MAJOR GENERAL
VAN MCCARTY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to Major General Van McCarty, the 29th Adjutant General of South Carolina, for his service to the state over the past six years as State Adjutant General.

Born in Saluda, South Carolina, MG McCarty attended The Citadel and went on to commission in the United States Army Reserves as a Field Artillery officer.

A veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, MG McCarty has over 36 years of service and commanded units at every level. Among his 36 years of service, 24 were spent in the Law Enforcement Division with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources.

Being a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal, MG McCarty has had an extensive military education and has been recognized for his dedication and service to the country.

Since 2019, MG McCarty has been a strong and stable force and has earned the respect of the Palmetto State. I value his dedication and commitment.

As we wish the best to MG McCarty upon his retirement, I am grateful to welcome Brigadier General Robin B. Stilwell, who will serve as the 30th Adjutant General for South Carolina.

A Greenville, South Carolina native, BG Stilwell also attended The Citadel and was commissioned as an Infantry Officer.

During his career, BG Stilwell deployed multiple times overseas, including tours in Afghanistan, Kuwait and Kosovo. He served as Deputy Chief of Staff-Forward for United States Army Central Command in Kuwait, and also commanded at every level to include serving as the commanding officer of the 678th Air Defense Artillery Brigade in Eastover, SC, and in the 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade in Charleston, SC.

South Carolina welcomes BG Robin Stilwell in his new position as Adjutant General, and I look forward to working with him throughout his tenure.

HONORING OPERATION TANGO
MIKE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Operation Tango Mike, a

nonprofit community effort that has provided unwavering support to our deployed military personnel and their families for over two decades. On the occasion of its 22nd anniversary, I am proud to recognize Operation Tango Mike for its dedicated service to those who serve our Nation.

Operation Tango Mike was founded in 2003, when Lake County residents Ginny Craven and Ron Quick sent a care package to Kyle Molencupp, who was then serving in Afghanistan. What began as a simple gesture of support has grown into a community-driven organization that has shipped more than 27,000 care packages to deployed personnel worldwide. Operation Tango Mike has supported service members through numerous military operations, including Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Operation Onward Liberty, Operation Odyssey Lightning, Operation Inherent Resolve, and Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

In addition to its vital care package program, Operation Tango Mike coordinates the annual collection and distribution of Christmas gifts and school supplies for military families, providing comfort and relief during challenging times. The organization has also hosted welcome home celebrations and ceremonies for returning troops, ensuring they receive a heartfelt reception from their community. Moreover, Operation Tango Mike has assisted in honoring three of Lake County's fallen heroes in the Global War on Terror, preserving their memory with dignity and respect.

Mr. Speaker, on March 20, 2025, Operation Tango Mike marked 22 years of selfless service with its monthly packing party, a tradition that symbolizes the enduring gratitude and commitment of its volunteers and community. It is fitting and proper that we honor Operation Tango Mike for its dedication and contributions to our armed forces. Their unwavering support is a testament to the strength and generosity of the American spirit.

RECOGNIZING CHERYL CALIRE
FOR HER STEADFAST SERVICE
AND DEDICATION TO THE SAINT
GIANNA MOLLA PREGNANCY
OUTREACH CENTER

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the steadfast service and profound impact of Cheryl Calire, Director of Life Ministries for the Diocese of Buffalo. For 15 years, Cheryl provided guidance, leadership and service to the community as a strong voice and advocate for women, mothers and children—including the unborn. Since her announced retirement last year, she has continued to oversee the Saint Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Centers and Mother Teresa Home in Western New York.

The Saint Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Centers have a tangible impact on our community, providing important material, emotional, and spiritual support during and after pregnancy. This life-affirming work has saved lives, eased the transition into motherhood, and directly impacted over 1,500 families each year. Cheryl's continued leadership has im-

proved the lives and wellbeing of countless children, mothers and fathers across Western New York, and I am so grateful for her good work.

Life is a blessing, and as Cheryl Calire transitions into retirement, my family and I are so grateful to have witnessed her passion and dedication. We are all charged with leaving our community better than we found it, and Cheryl certainly has achieved that mission.

I ask this body to join me in recognizing Cheryl Calire for her commitment to life-affirming advocacy and service. On behalf of the United States Congress, and the constituents of the 23rd Congressional District, I thank Cheryl, and hope she enjoys her well-deserved retirement.

CHRISTENING OF THE USNS *BILLY
FRANK JR.*

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the christening of the USNS *Billy Frank Jr.*

Billy Frank Jr. was a proud member of the Nisqually Tribe and a dedicated leader on tribal treaty rights and environmental stewardship. He served as chair of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission for over 30 years, paved the way for the Boldt decision and was honored with numerous prestigious awards. In 2015, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation's highest civilian honor.

I am grateful to have worked with Billy on habitat restoration for salmon and steelhead. Washington state's tribes and environment are stronger because of Billy's decades of advocacy and leadership.

Billy was also a veteran of the Marine Corps and served during the Korean War. It is fitting that a Navy ship will now bear his name. The USNS *Billy Frank Jr.* will offer salvage, rescue, ocean-going towing and other support capabilities for U.S. Navy fleet operations, while also supporting missions such as oil spill response, humanitarian assistance, wide-area search and surveillance.

On this momentous occasion I send my congratulations to the Frank family and the Nisqually Tribe. I look forward to once again honoring Billy later this year when his statue will be unveiled to represent the state of Washington in the U.S. Capitol's National Statuary Hall.

RECOGNIZING THE INSTALLATION
OF OFFICERS BANQUET FOR THE
OCCOQUAN-WOODBRIDGE-LORTON
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Annual Installation of Officers Banquet for the Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton Volunteer Fire Department and to honor the 2024 Awardees.