

age of 92, Jack remains active in the promotion of mutual understanding and appreciation between the Christian and Jewish communities and recognition of their shared roots.

Additionally, Jack made exceptional contributions to public service. He served as a Special Advisor in the White House under President Ronald Reagan, a member of the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations, and a delegate to the Human Rights Commission. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger appointed him to the Defense Department's Policy Advisory Committee on Trade, on which he served for 7 years. Mr. Stein also was a member of the Presidential Task Force on International Private Enterprise in 1984, and he was appointed to a committee that oversaw the first elections in Namibia. As a long time friend, he remains in regular communications with President George H. W. Bush.

Remarkably, among all this activity, Jacob found time to dedicate to the academic world as well. He served as a member of the Stony Brook University Foundation, has given numerous lectures across the country and has authored many articles on religion and politics.

Perhaps most of all, Jack has always been a family man. He and his late wife Jean were married for 65 years and throughout all his public endeavors, they remained inseparable. Jack has had the pleasure of watching their three children grow and find success of their own, and has been blessed with six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

In 2007, he published a recording of his memoirs "Days of Challenge: The Making of a Modern American Jewish Leader," detailing his interesting and exciting lifetime of service. Currently, Jack writes a column for several weekly newspapers, sits on the board of the American Jewish Historical Society, and is a member of the board of the Town of North Hempstead Business and Tourism Development Corporation.

Madam Speaker, Jacob Stein's immeasurable contributions to public and community service have truly helped make this world a better one in which to live. I ask that all of my colleagues now rise and join me to express the thanks of a grateful Nation to Jack Stein for his many years of dedicated service and for his countless achievements.

HONORING JESSICA TASETANO

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jessica Tasetano of Liberty, Missouri. Jessica is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of America, and earning the most prestigious award of Girl Scout Gold Award.

Jessica has been very active with her troop, participating in many scout activities. In order to receive the prestigious Gold Award, Jessica has completed all seven requirements that promote community service, personal and spiritual growth, positive values and leadership skills.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jessica Tasetano her ac-

complishments with the Girl Scouts of America and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Girl Scouts Gold Award.

SUNSET MEMORIAL

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I stand once again before this body with yet another Sunset Memorial.

It is March 14, 2008 in the land of the free and the home of the brave, and before the sun set today in America, almost 4,000 more defenseless unborn children were killed by abortion on demand—just today. That is more than the number of innocent American lives that were lost on September 11th, only it happens every day.

It has now been exactly 12,835 days since the travesty called Roe v. Wade was handed down. Since then, the very foundation of this Nation has been stained by the blood of almost 50 million of our own children.

Some of them, Madam Speaker, cried and screamed as they died, but because it was amniotic fluid passing over their vocal cords instead of air, we couldn't hear them.

All of them had at least four things in common.

They were each just little babies who had done nothing wrong to anyone. Each of them died a nameless and lonely death. And each of their mothers, whether she realizes it immediately or not, will never be the same. And all the gifts that these children might have brought to humanity are now lost forever.

Yet even in the full glare of such tragedy, this generation clings to a blind, invincible ignorance while history repeats itself and our own silent genocide mercilessly annihilates the most helpless of all victims to date, those yet unborn.

Madam Speaker, perhaps it is important for those of us in this Chamber to remind ourselves again of why we are really all here.

Thomas Jefferson said, "The care of human life and its happiness and not its destruction is the chief and only object of good government."

The phrase in the 14th amendment capsulizes our entire Constitution. It says: "No state shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law." Madam Speaker, protecting the lives of our innocent citizens and their constitutional rights is why we are all here. It is our sworn oath.

The bedrock foundation of this Republic is that clarion declaration of the self-evident truth that all human beings are created equal and endowed by their creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Every conflict and battle our Nation has ever faced can be traced to our commitment to this core self-evident truth. It has made us the beacon of hope for the entire world. It is who we are.

And yet Madam Speaker, another day has passed, and we in this body have failed again to honor that foundational commitment. We failed our sworn oath and our God-given responsibility, as we broke faith with nearly 4,000 more innocent American babies who died today without the protection we should have been giving them.

But perhaps tonight, Madam Speaker, maybe someone new who hears this sunset memorial will finally realize that abortion really does kill little babies, that it hurts mothers in ways that we can never express, and that 12,835 days spent killing nearly 50 million unborn children in America is enough; and that the America that rejected human slavery and marched into Europe to arrest the Nazi Holocaust, is still courageous and compassionate enough to find a better way for mothers and their babies than abortion on demand.

So tonight, Madam Speaker, may we each remind ourselves that our own days in this sunshine of life are also numbered and that all too soon each of us will walk from these Chambers for the very last time.

And if it should be that this Congress is allowed to convene on yet another day to come, may that be the day when we finally hear the cries of the innocent unborn. May that be the day we find the humanity, the courage, and the will to embrace together our human and our constitutional duty to protect the least of these, our tiny American brothers and sisters, from this murderous scourge upon our Nation called abortion on demand.

It is March 14, 2008—12,835 days since Roe v. Wade first stained the foundation of this nation with the blood of its own children—this, in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

COMMENDING EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH TERRY'S HOUSE, A BURN AND TRAUMA SURVIVOR FAMILY HOME

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the efforts of Mr. Tom Richards, The Community Medical Center Foundation, and their partners throughout the 20th District of California for joining together to launch a capital campaign to fulfill a dream—to establish and build a burn and trauma survivor family home on the campus of Community Regional Medical Center.

Community Regional Medical Center hosts the only Level 1 burn and trauma centers between Los Angeles and Sacramento, making it the primary receiving facility for patients in critical condition throughout the Valley and beyond. More than half of Community Regional's burn patients are children. Without any form of temporary housing available, parents traveling long distances for their children's care often face untenable expenses for lodging during their child's treatment. Thanks to the vision and dedication of Community Medical Center and the Richards family, there will soon be a reprieve for these families.

Inspired by his own family's struggle having a loved one miles away in intensive care, Tom Richards committed to help fill a healthcare void in the Central Valley by building a burn and trauma survivor family facility. This 17,000 square foot, twenty-unit facility will provide housing primarily for the immediate families of trauma patients, as well as a much needed family resource center, supplying information and tools for families caring for burn and trauma victims both during and after treatment.