

is a patient in need of care, just like anyone else, and despite that amazing window to the womb—ultrasound imaging.

In 1976, Dr. Willard Cates and Dr. David Grimes then with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) presented a paper to a Planned Parenthood meeting entitled “Abortion as a Treatment for Unintended Pregnancy: The Number Two Sexually Transmitted Disease.”

These two abortion doctors reduced the child in the womb to the equivalent of a parasite or disease to be vanquished. As far as I know, no one at Planned Parenthood objected to the dehumanizing language and obvious bigotry towards children.

The evidence of significant harm to women who abort increases each year.

Abortion hurts women’s health and puts future children subsequently born to women who aborted at significant risk. At least 102 studies show significant psychological harm, major depression and elevated suicide risk in women who abort.

The Times of London reported that, “[S]enior . . . psychiatrists say that new evidence has uncovered a clear link between abortion and mental illness in women with no previous history of psychological problems.” They found, “that women who have had abortions have twice the level of psychological problems and three times the level of depression as women who have given birth or who have never been pregnant . . .”

In 2006, a comprehensive New Zealand study found that 78.6 percent of the 15–18 year olds who had abortions displayed symptoms of major depression as compared to 31 percent of their peers. The study also found that 27 percent of the 21–25 year old women who had abortions had suicidal idealizations compared to eight percent of those who did not have an abortion.

Abortion isn’t safe for subsequent children born to women who have had an abortion. At least 113 studies show a significant association between abortion and subsequent premature births. For example a study by researchers Shah and Zoe showed a 36 percent increased risk for preterm birth after one abortion and a staggering 93 percent increased risk after two.

Similarly, the risk of subsequent children being born with low birth weight increases by 35 percent after one and 72 percent after two or more abortions. Another study shows the risk increases nine times after a woman has had three abortions.

What does this mean for her children? Preterm birth is the leading cause of infant mortality in the industrialized world after congenital anomalies. Preterm infants have a greater risk of suffering from chronic lung disease, sensory deficits, cerebral palsy, cognitive impairments and behavior problems. Low birth weight is similarly associated with neonatal mortality and morbidity.

Dr. Alveda King, niece of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whom we honored on Monday, has joined the growing coalition of women who deeply regret their abortions and are “Silent No More.” Out of deep personal pain and compassion for others, Dr. King, who had two abortions and the women of “Silent No More” challenge us to respect, protect and tangibly love both the mother and the child. The women of “Silent No More” give post-abortive women a safe place to grieve, and a roadmap for reconciliation.

This week, with the full and unequivocal support of Speaker BOEHNER and Majority Leader CANTOR, more than 150 Members and I will introduce the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act—a government wide prohibition on taxpayer subsidization for abortion and conscience protections with durable remedies.

Abortion is not health care. And polls show that taxpayers strongly oppose publically funded abortion—67 percent according to a recent Quinnipiac University poll.

Our new bill is designed to permanently end any U.S. government financial support for abortion whether it be direct funding or by tax credits or any other subsidy.

Regarding conscience rights—last year, Cathy DeCarlo, a nurse at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York was compelled—despite her strong moral and religious objections—to assist in a grisly D&E abortion which has been described by the U.S. Supreme Court as a procedure where the doctor uses forceps to tear apart the unborn child. D&E abortion is a gruesome act of child abuse.

Ms. DeCarlo sued—asserting her right to conscience had been violated under existing federal law. Her case was dismissed, however, due to the lack of prescribed remedies.

The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act protects conscience rights of individuals and institutions by empowering the courts with the authority to prevent and redress actual or threatened violations of conscience.

President Obama has said he wants abortion to be rare. Well, Mr. Obama, here is a bill for you. Even the Guttmacher Institute, the former research arm of Planned Parenthood, says that taxpayer funding bans are a proven abortion reduction method. According to Guttmacher, studies show that when abortion is not publically funded, abortions in the covered population are reduced by roughly 25 percent.

REMARKS ON JOHN F. KENNEDY

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, West Virginians still smiling?

It seems improbable that it could have been fifty years ago, that America’s youngest new leader, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, took center stage, here at the U.S. Capitol, to assume the Presidency. He delivered an inaugural address that ignited the hopes and energies of a generation that would, in large measure, take up his call to serve their country.

It was, of course, the good people of my home State of West Virginia, who launched the youthful Senator’s campaign for the presidency in the 1960 West Virginia Democratic Primary Election. In May of last year, the golden anniversary of the campaign was celebrated with exhibits, readings, talks, films, recording oral histories and other festivities to mark the pivotal turning point in Senator Kennedy’s campaign. In Logan, West Virginia, the courthouse square was christened ‘Kennedy Square.’ At Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College, a course on the campaign has been taught for years. Plans have been discussed about pursuing a permanent exhibition in Logan, commemorating the

campaign, his Presidency and their impact on our State.

Many of my constituents have personal fond and lasting memories of the Kennedys’ visits during the campaign and then as President. I, myself, credit President Kennedy’s Inaugural Address with my earliest interest in pursuing public service.

The Kennedy voice was much more than a call to action, it was a blueprint for the future: the Peace Corps, VISTA, Appalachian Regional Commission, Head Start, Medicare and a slew of other efforts to level the playing field for Americans.

Though President Kennedy’s address was one of the shortest in history, it earned him lasting respect from untold generations of Americans and our allies around the World. I would suspect the humble, self deprecating President would demur at that comment. But, his ever present humor and wit was in good form at the June 1963 American University Law School graduation of our very own, Senator Robert C. Byrd, when Kennedy, himself, quipped about brevity as he began his remarks: President Anderson, members of the faculty, board of trustees, distinguished guests, my old colleague Senator Bob Byrd, who has earned his degree through many years of attending night law school while I am earning mine in the next thirty minutes, ladies and gentlemen. . . .”

In 1963, it was a rainy day in Charleston, West Virginia, when President Kennedy attended our State’s Centennial celebration. He opened his comments with these remarks, “While the Sun doesn’t always shine in West Virginia, the people always do.” President Kennedy’s words fifty years ago still ring through our hills and manifest themselves through many avenues, enriching our lives with his federal initiatives, calling young and old alike to give of themselves for their fellow citizens, and bringing a smile to all those who remember or are just learning of the West Virginia Kennedy legacy.

I hope the Kennedy Inaugural Address will be read in classrooms and community centers and town squares to celebrate this anniversary, and that, we together, work to fulfill the challenges it presents every American Citizen. Let us go forward with his words firmly in our resolve, “knowing that here on earth God’s work must truly be our own.”

STATEMENT COMMENDING STAN ISRAEL FOR 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO SEIU

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to recognize the retirement of my good friend Stan Israel, Executive Vice President of SEIU District 1199—New England. For 35 years, Stan has spearheaded efforts to organize health workers, and his hard work has consistently won justice at the worksite for laborers of all skill levels and backgrounds.

Stan began by organizing non-union health employees at nursing homes and hospitals in New York into Local 1199. While leading contract negotiations on behalf of the workers, he also advocated for fundamental reforms: adequate staffing levels, safe workplaces, and