use in stem cell research. Researchers only use embryos which were scheduled to be discarded. Clearly, these embryos can be put to better use. The scientific promise of embryonic stem cells offers hope that simply did not exist a few years ago. We cannot afford to literally throw away such potential. Every day that we continue research brings with it astonishing possibilities for enhanced treatments and cures for now-reversible diseases and injuries.

Let us come together as a body in support of stem cell research.

SUPPORT ETHICAL AND RESPONSIBLE STEM CELL RESEARCH

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

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of ethical stem cell research and in opposition to the destruction of human life. I firmly believe it is our responsibility to respect and protect life at every stage.

The issue we face is not whether we allow this research. Both the ethical adult stem cell research that I support and the controversial embryonic research will continue on.

However, we must now decide if we are going to force taxpayers to fund this controversial embryonic research. Allocating federal dollars for research that retires destruction of human embryos would require many Americans to fund something that they morally oppose. I urge the President and my colleagues to join me in supporting responsible and ethical stem cell research and standing for what is right and moving ahead with this research.

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(Ms. WATSON of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WATSON of California. Mr. Speaker, on December 8, 2000, Julian Dixon, a member of Congress, died of a heart attack at age 66. On that day, the California delegation, as well as any other Member, to join me in cospONSoring this piece of legislation.

FROZEN EMBRYOS ARE BEING ADOPTED

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

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, Hannah is a happy 2½-year-old little girl. She is a normal, healthy toddler discovering the joys of life. In a few days I hope to meet Hannah and when I do, I will reassure her that there is no such thing as a “spare” or “leftover” person.

Although she may not yet understand what that means, her parents sure do. They understand perfectly, because little Hannah used to be a frozen embryo in an invitro fertilization clinic. She was what those who support embryonic stem cell research—research that destroys human embryos—callously call “spare” and “leftover” embryos.

But Hannah is neither “spare” nor “leftover,” despite the fact that she spent a considerable amount of time in a deep-frozen state that served as her “frozen orphanage.” The perky toddler could have been fodder for researchers, but instead today is talking a blue streak, and in a few years will go to school.

Mr. Speaker, the story of Hannah and other adopted embryos underscores why we should not spend federal tax dollars to destroy human embryos to steal their precious stem cells. These stem cells are not ours to take. And given the discoveries from adult stem cell research, which does not rely on destroying human embryos, arguments for federally funding embryonic stem cells is less persuasive than ever.

PUT POLITICS ASIDE AND SUPPORT STEM CELL RESEARCH

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

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of stem cell research. It is time for people on all points of the political spectrum to come together, support efforts to make stem cell research safe, legal and ethical. Stem cell research has the potential to unlock the door to medical knowledge for a host of diseases. We cannot allow America’s health to be held hostage to politics, while medical research stagnates.

For people suffering from Alzheimer’s or Parkinson’s, or for those who have loved ones with these diseases, including cancer and juvenile diabetes, stem cell research represents hope for a cure. Yet by banning this research, either adult or embryonic research, we foreclose the possibility of improving or saving many, many lives. And who will pay the price? A mother fighting Parkinson’s or a child battling juvenile diabetes. That is why I strongly urge my colleagues to put politics aside, support the promising scientific research of stem cell research.

RESEARCH MONEY SHOULD GO TOWARD ADULT STEM CELL RESEARCH

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

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to come together in support of adult stem cell research. It is not an abortion issue. Stem cell research is a medical issue, one that should transcend political lines and instead focus on human lives.

One such life is that of Carolyn Laughlin, a mother of two diabetic