

the world and their border. Doesn't make much sense to me. We should be just as concerned about our own borders as we are about borders of other people and give the money to our own people on our own border to secure it.

We send \$1 billion quickly to the Republic of Georgia. What could our border patrol agents do with \$1 billion on the Texas-Mexico border? They could do a whole lot more. And they're not getting it. They're not getting the support that they need. They're doing the best job they can. The sheriffs all along the border, from San Diego all the way to Brownsville, they're doing the best they can.

But let me tell you something, Mr. Speaker, the drug cartels have more money, they outgun our border security officials, and they're more tenacious and they're doing everything they can to come into the United States illegally. Yes, we're getting all of them, we're getting everybody because we refuse to secure our border.

And we don't need to do a whole lot except enforce the laws we already have. It's already illegal to come into the United States without permission. Why don't we enforce that law? We are trying to enforce the border security of Georgia. Let's enforce the border security of our own Nation. That's the public duty our government has.

We can work out the issues of what to do with people that are here illegally down the road. America will do the right thing, but we can never deal with that issue until we secure the border.

One of the things we ought to do is enforce the rule of law, and if businesses choose to hire folks that are illegally in the country and they know they're illegal, those business owners need to be prosecuted under current law. We see a few of those CEOs be carted off to jail in handcuffs, maybe they'll quit hiring folks that are illegally in the country. That's just one answer, but it's already the law.

So I encourage our government: enforce the law, protect our borders, secure our Nation first. That is the duty, obligation, and moral duty of our government.

And that's just the way it is.

UNJUST PROSECUTION OF FORMER U.S. BORDER PATROL AGENTS RAMOS AND COMPEAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I met with Monica Ramos, the wife of imprisoned U.S. border patrol agent Ignacio Ramos. I also met with her father, Mr. Joe Loya.

As the Members of this House are aware, in February of 2006, Agents Ramos and Compean were convicted of

shooting and wounding a Mexican drug smuggler who brought \$1 million worth of marijuana across our border into Texas. The two agents were sentenced to 11 and 12 years in prison respectively. They have been in Federal prison, in solitary confinement, for 595 days.

Mr. Speaker, I continue to be distressed by the actions of U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton and the prosecutors in this case.

Like thousands of Americans across the country, I was extremely disappointed by the ruling announced on July 28, 2008, by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Court affirmed all convictions except those for tampering with an official proceeding, but this case is not closed.

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A conviction secured on the testimony of a known drug smuggler should not stand. The same drug smuggler who told the Ramos and Compean jury that he did not carry a gun the day of the shooting also told the jury he was just a one-time offender who needed money for his sick mother. Since the agents' conviction, however, the Mexican drug smuggler was convicted for additional smuggling offenses. His testimony against the agents has been proven completely unreliable.

Those of us who have urged a pardon for Ramos and Compean will continue to support them in their future legal appeals, and we will work tirelessly to ensure that the miscarriage of justice is corrected. The details of this case deserve an unbiased review by the U.S. Department of Justice. I have also asked JOHN CONYERS, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, to hold hearings to examine the prosecution of these agents who were doing their job to protect our border.

Questions surrounding the prosecution of this case deserve to be answered. For example, why was not the jury allowed to hear crucial evidence that the smuggler was a repeated offender? And why did the prosecutor charge the agents under a statute that was intended for violent criminals carrying guns, not for law enforcement officers acting in the line of duty?

Mr. Speaker, nothing can erase the suffering these agents have undergone and the months they have spent in prison in solitary confinement away from their families, but I want the families of Ramos and Compean to know that my colleagues on both sides of the political aisle and I will continue to do all we can to see this miscarriage of justice corrected. It is my hope and prayer that one day soon these two heroes will be home with their families.

Mr. Speaker, I close by asking God to continue to bless our men and women in uniform and their families. And I ask God to please continue to bless the

families of agents Ramos and Compean. And I ask God to continue to bless America.

SUNSET MEMORIAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. FRANKS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

It is September 10, 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. That's just today, Mr. Speaker. That's more than the number of innocent lives lost on September 11 in this country, only it happens every day.

It has now been exactly 13,015 days since the tragedy called Roe v. Wade was first handed down. Since then, the very foundation of this Nation has been stained by the blood of almost 50 million of its own children. Some of them, Mr. Speaker, cried and screamed as they died, but because it was amniotic fluid passing over the vocal cords instead of air, we couldn't hear them.

All of them had at least four things in common. First, they were each just little babies who had done nothing wrong to anyone, and each one of them died a nameless and lonely death. And each one of their mothers, whether she realizes it or not, will never be quite the same. And all the gifts that these children might have brought to humanity are now lost forever. Yet even in the glare of such tragedy, this generation still clings to a blind, invincible ignorance while history repeats itself and our own silent genocide mercilessly annihilates the most helpless of all victims, those yet unborn.

Mr. Speaker, perhaps it's time for those of us in this Chamber to remind ourselves 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." Mr. Speaker, protecting the lives of our innocent citizens and their constitutional rights is why we are all here.

The bedrock foundation of this Republic is the 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. Mr. Speaker, it is who we are.

And yet today another day has passed, and we in this body have failed again to honor that foundational commitment. We have 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 given them.

So Mr. Speaker, let me conclude this Sunset Memorial in the hope that perhaps someone new who heard it tonight will finally embrace the truth that abortion really does kill little babies; that it hurts mothers in ways that