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## We Must Stop the Freedom Of Choice Act (FOCA)

By J. C. Willke, MD

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Barack Obama is without question, the most aggressively pro-abortion president in the history of our nation, and tragically, we now also have the most pro-abortion Congress.

Before he was sworn in, there were some who hoped this was just campaign rhetoric and that he would not follow through. In fact, the newly elected president specifically stated that, "we are united in our determination to... reduce the need for abortion..." But that was day one, and before the week was out, he had by executive order reversed the *Mexico City Policy*. With this move, he makes taxpayers spend hundreds of millions of dollars to fund the performance and promotion of abortions overseas, thus betraying his repeated promise to reduce abortions. Waiting in the

wings is UNFPA funding for China's genocidal one-child policy.

These are executive orders and there will be more—but what of the list of domestic, state and federal laws above? Will reversal of these actually become law?

Apparently not all at once in a FOCA bill. Members of Congress, in both houses, have varying positions on this issue. There are members, particularly the blue dog Democrats in the House, who while often voting the Democrat Party line, nevertheless, will simply not vote for pro-abortion legislation. This probably includes enough members so that there is almost no chance that FOCA will be passed as a single bill.

One of the reasons has been the major public reaction already opposing such an omnibus bill. Another is that President Obama has many other fish to fry. He is deeply immersed in economic problems and will have to face defense issues overseas to name but two. Will he then want to tie up the US Congress for lengthy periods of time debating this hot button issue?

Chances are he will take a politically easier route. Mr. Obama will try to achieve all of the above goals, but will do them piecemeal. He will attempt to insert amendments into various appropriation bills, to modify or reverse the above abor-

The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) is on the minds of many Americans. That's understandable considering President Obama, during the campaign, stated to a group of Planned Parenthood activists that one of the first things he would do after the inauguration would be to sign FOCA. If in fact it is sent to him intact, he signs it, and it becomes law, in one stroke it will nullify over 580 federal, state and local laws that the pro-life movement has worked so hard to pass these last several decades.

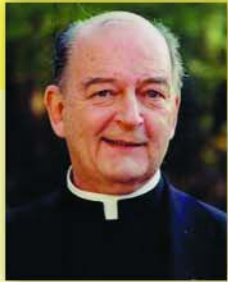
We have not been able to reverse *Roe vs. Wade* for the simple reason that the Supreme Court has not had a pro-life majority to do so. During these years, however, we have progressively been passing laws that little by little have been protecting unborn babies and their mothers from abortion. They are responsible for greatly reducing the number of annual abortions from a peak of 1,600,000 in the 1980s to about 1,200,000 today. This decrease has occurred because of the protective laws below. Some of those that would be cancelled if FOCA is passed intact include:

# Richard John Neuhaus

## *Rest in Peace*

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with J.C. Willke, MD



Richard John Neuhaus, one of the preeminent academic voices of the

pro-life movement, has died after a recurring bout with cancer.

As I write this, I have in front of me the latest issue of *First Things*, and this is as good as any place to start telling about this unusual man. It is a prestigious monthly publication. Its editor is a Catholic priest who was a Lutheran minister, a conservative person who once was a social radical. But he would object when this journey is described as a change. Rather, he would explain that it wasn't he who changed, but the world around him that did. It wasn't he who became Catholic, rather he "became the Catholic I always was."

I usually read *First Things* starting in the rear where Father Neuhaus wrote a 12,000 word column, "The Public Square," that is always fascinating reading. He clearly was an incredibly omnivorous reader, and in the "Square" he commented intelligently, vigorously and lucidly on a wide variety of public and political happenings, writings and opinions. That is not to say that the front section wasn't interesting. He was a Christian certainly, a solid Roman Catholic now, however, the articles in his magazine were always ecumenical, thought-provoking and opinionated. As for me, as a cradle Catholic, they opened up a world of religious and moral dimensions and depth that continued to expand my earlier, narrower horizons.

I had known who he was, but very casually. Our first encounter was in

the early 1980s. We had both been invited to a reception on a yacht in the Hudson River to raise funds for a pregnancy help center. He promptly ushered me down to the lower deck and to a private corner. Who was this mid-western physician who had just been elected president of the National Right to Life Committee? Obviously, he had heard various opinions and did not mask his curiosity. In a pleasant but professional manner, he grilled me as to my value systems and a bit of my background. In a friendly swap, I turned the table and learned more about him. Apparently, the encounter was mutually satisfying and I would think respected. For from there on in, we were fast friends, co-workers and compatriots.

Our paths crossed fairly frequently over the next twenty-five years. I for one, grew in admiration and respect for his depth of thinking and his eloquence in presenting his thoughts.

As his own Lutheran Church (by his judgment) moved further from a traditional Christian base, he became close friends with Cardinal John O'Connor, who in time received him fully into the Catholic Church and one year later ordained him to the Catholic priesthood. I recall his published article recounting his move into the Catholic Church. It was titled, "And Now a Great Peace." His "conversion" in no way changed his total respect for, curiosity about and investigation of other Christian denominations.

What was most unusual about him was his eloquence, his ability to turn a phrase and to leave you with a few chosen words that stick with you. He spoke at the National Right to Life Convention in June 2008. Afterward, I was again fascinated,

but remembered, "We have been at this a long time, and we are just getting started." And then, "We shall not weary. We shall not rest."

He became a close confidant of President George W. Bush. So much so, that the President adopted his exact words as a standard line when talking about pro-life matters. He spoke of "welcoming unborn children into life and protecting them under law." As Bush put it, "He helps me articulate these (religious) things."

My dear wife, Barbara, and I were so impressed with Father Neuhaus' ending comments after one of his talks about fifteen years ago, that we frequently ended one of our pro-life lectures quoting him as follows:

"So long as we have the gift of life we must protect the gift of life. So long as it is threatened, so long must it be defended. This is the time to brace ourselves for the long term. We are today laying the foundations for the pro-life movement of the twenty-first century. Pray that the foundations are firm, for we have not yet seen the full fury of the storm that is upon us."

"But we have not the right to despair. We have not the right and we have not the reason to despair if we understand that our entire struggle is premised not upon a victory to be achieved, but a victory that has been achieved. If we understand that, far from despair we have right and reason to rejoice that we are called to such a time as this, a time of testing, a time of truth. The encroaching culture of death shall not prevail, for we know, 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.' The darkness will never overcome that light." —Richard John Neuhaus

## Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) *from page 1*

tion restrictions one by one. While there is probably enough pro-life strength to prevent passage of the total package in one piece, it is another question if one of these issues is buried in a must-pass appropriation bill. Will there then be enough pro-life strength to hold up an entire bill in order to take one pro-abortion amendment out of it?

Remember the story of dropping a frog into a pot of boiling water? It immediately jumps out. But if you put him in the water when it is cool and then very slowly increase the temperature, he does not jump out and ultimately is cooked. So this very possibly will be their strategy to pass legislation, little by little, with each piece tucked away in a larger bill. In this fashion they might succeed piecemeal, having two years to accomplish this goal before a new Congress is elected.

Another reason why they may proceed slowly is the lesson learned in the first two years of the Clinton administration. At the very start, President Clinton tried to do two major things that failed. One was homosexuals in the military and the other was socialized medicine. In both cases he overreached and lost. These two efforts contributed to the loss of his Democrat majority in both houses of Congress at the next mid-term election. Several of the officials of the Clinton administration who experienced this are now in the Obama administration. They will remember this, and may not want to repeat that loss in two years.

Pro-abortion congressional leaders have already taken their first step. It was to insert a sharp increase in federal funding for contraception and abortive drugs in the “bailout” bill. Happily it failed but we expect this to become a standard practice in the future.

Coming up will be a reversal of funding restrictions, parental notification and consent, informed consent, conscience protections, waiting periods, bans on partial birth abortion and others—each in turn and probably hidden in major must-pass bills.

What can we do to prevent this catastrophic damage done to mothers and babies by the most pro-abortion president

and congress in history?

The first thing is to recognize the threat. There is no question that many sincere pro-life people voted for Mr. Obama. They did so for many reasons, but certainly one was that they thought our fears of his pro-abortion activity were overblown. Reality has quickly shown us that our fears were solidly founded.

Once the threat is recognized, all must be alerted—pro-life leaders and the public. We must be constantly vigilant regarding the pro-abortion moves this administration and congress will be making. We must avoid allowing them to slip anything through without our knowledge and publicity.

Compared to past years, we have many new ways of protesting pro-abortion action. We still have postal mail, but it has been eclipsed by cell phones and email. Bloggers and other electronic means are capable of alerting millions within hours. We must alert our elected representatives, keeping them aware of our concerns; letting them understand that if they fail to attempt to stop this pro-abortion juggernaut, they may not be returned to office in the next election.

We must prepare for future elections. It has been estimated that as many as 4 million pro-life people did not vote in this past election. Every pro-life individual of voting age must register and vote in the next election. It will be possible to then regain precious lost ground.

Give of your time and resources. We cannot compete equally with the well-funded pro-abortion movement. But we can have faith that the Lord will multiply our meager contributions to the pro-life movement and use them to help save unborn babies. So you must increase your level of giving to this and other activist pro-life groups. Only then can we fight effectively.

Share your concerns with others. Bring them up-to-speed by using available technology like your email address books, text messaging, Twitter, Facebook and other websites. Include your circle of friends, co-workers, neighbors and church members.



Use all of the available technology and resources to alert and stimulate pro-lifers. Along with this, sign the online petition against FOCA and get others to do it. Go to [www.lifeissues.org/FOCA](http://www.lifeissues.org/FOCA).

Prayer is probably the most important single tool. In so many ways, the United States is the hope of the world in combating this plague of killing innocent unborn babies. Now, in the face of this catastrophically evil turn of events, we have to pray like we have never prayed before. In the judgment of Almighty God, is the United States worthy of divine help or do we, in at least a partial sense, deserve what we are getting? We must work like we have never worked before, but we must also pray as though everything depends upon our prayers.

There is hope. To borrow the words of our pro-abortion President, “Yes we can!” Yes we can, defend America’s unborn babies! Yes we can, turn back this pro-abortion juggernaut! Life Issues Institute is closely monitoring future developments with FOCA. As pieces are introduced, we will sound the alarm and alert you to the best plan of action. This can easily be accomplished if you sign up for our free email alerts. Go to [www.lifeissues.org](http://www.lifeissues.org). Place your cursor over the words “About Us” at the top of the home page and you’ll see a pull-down menu. Click on “Subscribe” and then follow directions. It’s easy. 🌀



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# THE MEASURE OF HISTORY

## LINCOLN'S PERSONAL BIBLE

By *Phill Kline*



Truths, beyond the reach of powerful leaders, order history. President-elect Abraham Lincoln failed to recognize this. President Abraham Lincoln lost his life because he did.

It is fitting that President Barack Obama assumed office with his right hand on the same Bible on which President Lincoln first assumed office, for when Lincoln first became President, President Obama could have legally been a slave.

Obama's Presidency is a national milestone and a significant personal achievement for Mr. Obama, his family and those who supported his candidacy. The same is true for Mr. Lincoln—from log cabin to the White House, Lincoln defeated the odds. Yet, Lincoln's Presidency is not measured great by such. Rather, it is the issue Lincoln desired to avoid, was forced to face, and while struggling with—finally chose right—that renders President Lincoln a great man and President.

The “slavery question” was festering in America prior to the American Revolution. Regardless, great men sought compromise with evil and allowed the stain of slavery on American soil as our nation was founded. But “truth keeps marching on.” Americans struggled to reconcile the “self-evident truth that all men are created equal” with the obvious truth that in America many were more equal than others and some not considered human at all.

Leaders stated that “coloreds” or “negroes” were naturally inferior and destined to be “nurtured” in the plantation family. As slavery apologist and author William John Grayson wrote in 1855: “(the negro) is lazy and improvident...slavery...ensures homes, food and clothing for all.”<sup>1</sup> In Grayson's mind, the black race could not survive without the beneficence of white lordship.

Recognized theologians and religious leaders joined the chorus. In an 1822 letter to the Governor of South Carolina, Richard Furman, President of the Baptist State Convention, stated that slavery was clearly “supported by the Holy Scripture” and was beneficial to the slave in that the slave “become(s) part of (a) family” where he is provided all that he truly needs.<sup>2</sup>

Author George Fitzhugh in his 1854 book, wrote, “the negro race is inferior to the white race, and living in their midst, they would be far outstripped or outwitted in the chase of free competition.”<sup>3</sup>

I wonder what Mr. Fitzhugh would say to President Obama. Yet, more important for our times, what would President Obama say to Mr. Fitzhugh?

Slavery, during the life of Mr. Fitzhugh, was protected by law, enshrined in our constitution and Americans had the right to support or reject slavery: they could refuse to own a slave if they did not support the institution. Americans had a choice.

President Obama would be forced to argue to Mr. Fitzhugh what is now “self-evident”—that any free nation is not free unless it enshrines human dignity into law such that; the power of one person's life over another is not allowed to define the value of the other's life. This is the American promise. And President Obama is a reflection that America is coming to terms with that promise on the issue of race.

But Mr. Fitzhugh would have a counter. Slavery is justified, he would say, because the slave's life would be miserable away from slavery. (“Every child a wanted child.”) Ending slavery would wreak economic hardship. (“Ending abortion would force millions on welfare.”) A colored is not human and therefore not a citizen. (“Biologically speaking...an embryo is far more primitive than a fish or a bird,” writes abortion supporter Christian Beenfeldt for the June 2006 issue of *Capitalism Magazine*.)<sup>4</sup> People should be free to choose, Mr. Fitzhugh reasoned.

In 1860 President-elect Lincoln snuck into Washington to become President on a midnight train in order to avoid assassination. Jefferson Davis was inaugurated President of the Confederacy two weeks earlier.

Lincoln's personal Bible was left behind in his luggage, not arriving for days. Accordingly, Chief Justice Roger Taney asked the Supreme Court Clerk to find a Bible. He did, and Lincoln placed his right hand on the Bible, just as President-elect Obama did on the same Bible a short time ago.

In his first inaugural address, Lincoln sidestepped the slavery issue stating: “I have no purpose, directly or indirectly, to interfere with the institution of slavery in the States where it exists.”

Within four years, President Lincoln gave this nation two of its most precious gifts: the Emancipation Proclamation and Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address—an address from which President Obama claims inspiration. On this second occasion, Lincoln took the oath on his personal Bible. Less than two months later, Lincoln was dead.

President Obama called for a healing in this nation and he calls on the words of Lincoln's second inaugural address in which Lincoln concludes, “with malice toward none, with charity for all...”

Mr. Lincoln did call for healing, but only if the nation joined in the recognition that the evil of slavery could not exist within the shores of a free nation. Lincoln was charitable to those who would abide by this truth but called forth resolve to defeat those who would not.

For in the previous sentence, Mr. Lincoln writes, “if God wills that (this war) continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until

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# March for Life 2009

The incoming pro-abortion President did not deter pro-lifers throughout the nation and around the world from taking part in this year's March for Life. Tens of thousands turned out for the annual event.



Dr. Albu van Eeden from South Africa and Bradley Mattes take part in the March for Life Rally on the mall in Washington, DC.



Andrew Mellish (right) from the staff of Life Issues Institute also took part in the March activities, as did J. C. Wilke, MD (not pictured).

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every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn by the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said, 'the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether...with malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in...'"

President Obama did not mention abortion once in his inaugural address despite the issue being the most divisive in our nation. Just as President Franklin Pierce did not once mention slavery in his only inaugural address in 1853, less than a decade before the issue plunged the nation into war.

On abortion, politician Obama has survived through political calculation, deception and with gratitude to a self-indulgent culture full of distraction and willful ignorance. And his first actions have been aggressively opposed to this significant civil rights issue. Yet, President Obama

will not escape the judgment of history.

We will speak and read of the economy, foreign affairs and military action during his presidency. But the success of the Obama presidency will be determined by whether he leads us to the fullness of the dream—that every human being will be valued in this nation with just and righteous laws that protect the right to live.

And then, and only if he provides such leadership, will President Obama have earned the right, though maybe not the political support, to be sworn in to his second term of office, with his right hand on the Bible President Lincoln used in his second swearing in ceremony—Lincoln's personal Bible—which is well worn and was well understood. 🌀

<sup>1</sup> *The Hireling and the Slave*, by William John Grayson (Second Edition), (Charleston: John Russell, 1855).

<sup>2</sup> *Exposition of The Views of the Baptists Relative to the Coloured Population in the United States; In Communication to the Governor of South-Carolina*, compiled by Rev. Dr. Richard Furman, letter from Mr. Furman to

the Governor (December 24, 1822).

<sup>3</sup> *Negro Slavery, Sociology for the South, or the Failure of Free Society*, Chapter V., George Fitzhugh (Richmond, VA: A. Morris, 1854).

<sup>4</sup> *Anti-Abortion "Pro-Life" Movement is Anti-Life*, by Christian Beenfeldt (*Capitalism Magazine* June 8, 2006).

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# An Open Letter to My Future Husband

By Mary Beth Bonacci

Even though I don't know exactly who you'll be yet, I think of you often. I wonder how you're living your life now. It matters to me, you know, because how you live your life now determines the kind of man you're becoming...and the kind of man I'll spend the rest of my life with.

Apparently, for some bizarre reason, manhood doesn't come automatically for males. Some guys seem to spend their entire lives trying to "prove their manhood"—by hunting, playing sports, driving fast...and, unfortunately, by having sex. It seems rather strange to us women that guys think having sex proves you're a man. To us it just proves that they've reached puberty. And we don't really consider that in itself to be any great accomplishment. Becoming a man is a much more complicated process.

The funny thing is, even in this day and age, most guys want to marry a girl who respects her sexuality. A guy doesn't like the idea of his future wife in the back seat with someone else, or of her being the subject of a sexual conquest story in the locker room. They'll brag about girls like that, but they won't marry them. They want to marry a girl, whether she's never "done it" or done it and regretted it, who recognizes that sex speaks the language of forever, committed love...someone like me.

But why would I want to marry someone like that...someone who wants to marry a virgin, but spends his dating years robbing other girls of their virginity so that he can prove his manhood? He's not a "real man" in my eyes—he's a selfish, immature boy driven by insecurity, not love. And I'm not interested.

I want more from you. I want you to respect your sexuality as much as I respect mine. I want you to be a real, confident man, not a wimp who has to use women to feed his insecurity. A guy like that couldn't use all of those women, and then suddenly love me. He may be "good" in bed, but he's no good at loving.

I want you to learn to really love. Learning to love is learning to put the other first. A guy who messes around outside

of marriage isn't putting the good of the other first. He's using a girl...speaking the "body language" of permanent commitment when the relationship isn't permanent. He's putting the girl at risk of pregnancy. And he's putting himself at risk for some nasty diseases...diseases he can then later give his wife. That's not making love. A real man loves women—all women—and wants what's best for them. And he doesn't let his desires control his actions. He controls his desires instead.

I want you to develop self-control. That's important to me. I don't want to marry a man who can't control himself. Men like that make lousy husbands. A guy who isn't used to saying "no" to sex isn't going to be any better at it at 40 than he is at 18. I've seen women who worry every time their husbands hire an attractive secretary. I don't want that. What kind of marriage could I have with someone I couldn't even trust on a business trip?

In the short run, I'm sure there aren't too many rewards for a guy living this way. Society tells you that you're missing out on your "sexual peak." Your silence during the locker room bragging sessions can seem deafening. You may have even heard from the girls you date that something must be "wrong" with you because you won't take them to bed. Deep down you must know that having sex won't prove you're a man. It's just irritating that no one else seems to know it, isn't it?

But somebody does know it. I know it. And in the end, I'm the only someone who matters.

And no, I'm not as narrow minded as those guys who say they'll only marry a virgin. Society isn't too supportive of virginity, especially male virginity. I can forgive mistakes in your past. But I'm interested in your future, starting now. When I meet you, I want you to be a man who has made a conscious decision to wait...out of love for our future family and commitment to our marriage. And I want you to be a real man, who's developed the control, maturity and unselfishness that waiting brings. They may not be popular traits in the locker room, but they're popular with me. They'll make you a better husband, and a better father. To me, that's sexy.

I've abstained from sex all of these years, and it hasn't been for the lack of offers. I've had plenty of opportunities, and saying "no" hasn't always been easy. I'm sure it's not always easy for you, either. But it will make our marriage so much stronger. Sex will be our gift to each other, our exclusive "language." It'll belong to us, not "us and everyone else we ever dated."

Thanks for waiting for me. I promise you won't regret it. 🌸



From the  
*Executive Director*



B r a d l e y M a t t e s

## *Harry Reisiger: A Life That Mattered*

Recently, pro-lifers in Cincinnati mourned the death of a dearly loved colleague and friend. At the age of 86, Harry Reisiger quietly slipped from this life into eternity with little fanfare or notoriety. His funeral was held on one of the coldest days of the year. In spite of the bitter cold, it was a sunny day—something this old gardener would have appreciated. As I and 5 other men carried Harry’s casket up the church steps, I thought of the millions of people who had benefited from his talents but never knew this gentle, loving man.

Harry Reisiger left a wonderful legacy of artwork, graphics and typesetting—enhancing pro-life educational materials that are familiar to most pro-lifers. His brochures, billboards, bumper strips and visual aids effectively communicated the plight of America’s unborn babies because they were filtered through trained and expert eyes.

In the early 1970’s, June volunteered her husband’s services. Harry was a commercial design artist with Kenner Toys. He designed packaging and advertising that found its way into tens of millions of American homes. Over the decades, he volunteered countless hours for the pro-life movement. Harry mentored me and others on our staff for most of the nearly 18 years I knew him. On many occasions Harry’s sage advice has echoed in my ears as we design newsletters, websites and other visual messaging.

Harry’s work circled the globe. During one lecture tour, I was speaking at a national pro-life conference in South Africa. There on the street corner was

Harry’s artfully crafted message of “Love Them Both” generated from Life Issues Institute.

I bring up Harry’s life and his service to unborn children for two primary reasons. First, it’s important for those who have a brief history with the pro-life movement to know of his many contributions. Over the past decades, individuals like Harry have unselfishly given of their time and talents to end abortion. Many of these heroes have paved the way for your participation and ability to pick up the baton and run with it. They have helped to slowly turn public opinion in favor of protecting the most defenseless among us. Their tireless efforts have changed countless hearts and minds on abortion, and inspired others to join this life-or-death battle.

The pro-life movement has been battling legal abortion for 36 years. If you’re a relative newcomer, let me extend my heartfelt thanks—welcome to the winning team! And always keep in mind that those who have toiled before you—some who have now gone on to eternity—have paid a considerable price to get us where we are today. Our job is to carry on this sacred trust of ensuring that innocent human life is protected from womb to tomb.

Secondly, Harry Reisiger and many other individuals throughout the pro-life movement have been living testimonies that one person *really does* make a difference. You may be that person. There may be others you know, who by their talents and professions, are uniquely



*June and Harry Reisiger*

equipped to help further the cause for life.

During these dark years of a pro-abortion president, now would be a good time to take a look around you—armed with a creative viewpoint—to see who could provide added talents and momentum to our collective efforts.

In the nearly 34 years that I have been in the pro-life movement, I’ve had the honor and privilege to work side-by-side with the very best people humanity has to offer. But our battle is far from over. Don’t be discouraged by the immediate challenges ahead. Pro-life education has the power to change the way our nation views the sanctity of innocent human life. Now, more than ever, God calls upon us to give Him our very best, trusting that He will sustain our efforts. And in the process, we honor Harry’s memory. 🌀



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*Congressional Reception Honors Pro-life Work*

During the annual March for Life events in Washington, DC, Life Issues Institute's Arnold Culbreath was honored at a Capitol Hill reception. Congressmen Chris Smith of New Jersey and Mike Pence of Indiana hosted the event to acknowledge and celebrate the work of pro-life African-American leaders.

Sixteen various pro-life members of Congress were on hand to take part in the celebration. Several spoke about the need to protect unborn babies in the African-American community that has been targeted by the abortion industry.

Arnold Culbreath, director of Life Issues Institute's Urban Outreach program, said, "It is an

honor to have Chairman Mike Pence, Rep. Chris Smith and the House Republican Conference host a reception celebrating the pro-life efforts of African-American leaders. Hearing the members of Congress share their passion for life during the reception was quite exhilarating. And it's even more meaningful to know that their walk matches their talk. With abortion being the #1 killer of African-Americans, I'd really like to see our black congressional leaders publically protecting the unborn also. It shouldn't matter what your political affiliation is, we ought to all work to educate those around us about abortion's effects, and fight to protect our most vulnerable—the unborn." 



Rep. Chris Smith, Arnold Culbreath, Rep. Mike Pence



Left - Denise Henry, a social worker from St. Louis, MO  
Center - Connie Eller, Founder of Missouri Blacks for Life and also a social worker  
Right - Rep. Bob Latta, (OH-5)