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PENCE REAFFIRMS OPPOSITION TO EMBRYONIC STEM-CELL RESEARCH

Washington, Jun 16, 2004 - Washington, D.C.— Congressman Mike Pence gave the following speech on the House floor this morning reaffirming his opposition to embryonic stem-cell research:

“As the debate begins over the proper way to tribute the 40th President of the United States, some argue that the best way to honor the memory of Ronald Reagan would be to permit the destruction of human embryos for scientific research on diseases like that which claimed his life.

“While I would never criticize grieving family members who advocate this, anyone else who would use the memory of Ronald Reagan to erode the sanctity of human life would do more to desecrate his legacy than by any other means.

“Reaffirming his pro-life views on the tenth anniversary of Roe v. Wade, President Reagan said, ‘There is no cause more important for preserving freedom than affirming the transcendent right to life to all human beings.’

“He said, ‘We cannot diminish the value of one category of human life-the unborn-without diminishing the value of all human life.’

“Let us choose life. Let us honor Reagan. Let us honor his pro-life values by continuing to say no to embryonic stem-cell research.”

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