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Camp Votes to Defend Terri Schiavo's Right to Life

Washington, DC – Below is a statement released by U.S. Rep. Dave Camp (R-Midland) following his vote in favor of the Schiavo Act.

"This legislation is about giving Terri Schiavo a chance to have federal courts ensure her constitutional rights are protected. No right is more sacred than the right to life and it is our obligation as members of Congress to ensure every effort is made to defend the rights of all Americans. I hope helping Terri and her family is only the first step we take. When Congress returns after Easter, I will urge my colleagues to take an even closer look at what changes need to be made in the law to guarantee everyone a chance at life."

On March 16, the House passed legislation that would have granted all persons in a similar situation the right to have their case heard in federal court. However, the Senate failed to pass the "Protection of Incapacitated Persons Act of 2005" necessitating the passage of specific legislation to protect Terri Schiavo.

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