THE WICKER REPORT

By: United States Senator Roger Wicker

Wicker Concerned by Apparent Discrimination Against Pro-Life Film

"Unplanned" Shows a Path Forward

Parenthood clinic director knowledge. commercial obstacles.

when confronted by Planned a right to know. Parenthood's practices, the A Persuasive Message abortion.

Few critics expected the promoting Unplanned; the bolsters that confidence. It is new film Unplanned to rise movie's Twitter account was to the top of the box office suspended; and followers charts. But the true story of were removed from its so-Abby Johnson, a Planned cial media lists without their

turned pro-life advocate, has As Chairman of the Sen- persuasion business so that done just that. This success ate Commerce Committee, comes in spite of critical and I take reports of media bias seriously. As I wrote in a let-Unplanned finished fourth ter to television networks. at the box office in its opening "Amid myriad claims of meweek because of the power dia platforms silencing conof Mrs. Johnson's story. Like servative voices, I am deeply many pro-choice Americans, troubled by these reports." she held her view out of a If these platforms are disdesire to help women with criminating against pro-life unwanted pregnancies. But content, then the public has 1973 Roe v. Wade decision.

realization that life begins at The pro-life movement's of its brothers, sisters, and conception, she changed her goals will take time to mind. She now fights to end achieve, but public opinion is more pro-life than the preis moving in the cause's fa-The movie's success co- vor. There are also positive incides with troubling news state-level developments, in- my first March for Life as that media companies may cluding Mississippi's recent a young staffer for thenbe undermining the film's success banning abortion marketing efforts. Many once a fetal heartbeat can 1981. It has grown since and television networks appar- be heard. President Trump become one of the largest

expanding the Mexico City policy prohibiting foreign aid to abortion providers. And a strengthening grassroots coalition heard in the halls of Congress gives me confidence that there is progress.

The success of Unplanned a story about how one person changed course and now works to help others change theirs. Pro-life advocates should continue to be in the there will be more stories like Mrs. Johnson's.

Sonograms and Science are Helping

Persuasion and scientific advancements like sonograms revealing fetal hands, feet, and the miracle of human life have grown the pro-life movement since the Polls indicate that the millennial generation – which came of age holding pictures now children in the womb – vious generation.

I remember witnessing Congressman Trent Lott in ently refused to run ads has taken welcome action by annual events in the capital.

Hundreds of marchers from Mississippi join every year.

This grassroots movement has sparked real action on Capitol Hill. The Senate confirms pro-life judges to the bench and annually passes the Hyde Amendment, barring the use of federal funds to pay for abortions in the United States. The "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act" would make the Hyde Amendment permanent, and I will continue to fight for its passage. However, the fact that only three Democratic senators voted for the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act" shows how extreme pro-abortion activists have

Mrs. Johnson's work and the young faces of a growing anti-abortion movement are powerful answers to those on the other side who prevent these bills from becoming laws. Changing hearts and minds is the ultimate answer for those of us who want to protect life.

Lexington organization, others awarded federal housing grants

On Tuesday, April 16, sissippi. (AHP) grants, in conjunction Vicksburg, Mississippi. low- to moderate-income af- Bayou, Mississippi. fordable housing projects.

- thority received \$750,000 received \$210,000 from from Bank of Yazoo City BancorpSouth Bank and and FHLB Dallas to help FHLB Dallas to rehabilitate fund the rehabilitation of 14 affordable housing units five low-income apartment for the disabled, elderly and communities in Yazoo City, veterans in Jackson, Missis-Mississippi.
- The town of Bolton Development Corporation re- Learning Center in Lexingceived \$390,000 from Ban- ton received \$745,200 from corpSouth Bank and FHLB BankPlus and FHLB Dal-Dallas to rehabilitate the las to rehabilitate 75 homes Walter Vinson Memorial in rural Holmes and Carroll Apartments in Bolton, Mis- Counties, Mississippi.

- United States Representative The city of Vicksburg re-Bennie G. Thompson (D- ceived \$230,000 from Ban-MS) announced the Federal corpSouth Bank and FHLB Home Loan Bank of Dallas Dallas to rehabilitate and has awarded \$2.7 million in repair homes in the Marcus Affordable Housing Program Bottom neighborhood in
- with their member financial Mound Bayou Housing institutions, to assist com- Authority received \$375,000 munity-based organizations from Guaranty Bank & Trust with the purchase, construc- and FHLB Dallas to rehation or rehabilitation of very bilitate 50 homes in Mound
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Reading and Rules for Success



Students at William Dean Jr. Elementary heard from three speakers in observance of National Library Week, April 7-13. Rashunda Archie (pictured standing), counselor of the Holmes County Career Technical Center spoke about the classes offered and the requirements to attend the center. She also discussed career opportunities. Students became aware of their career interest by completing an inventory of interests survey. Students also heard from Pastor Willie Hodges of Guiding Light C.O.G.I.C. One student looked stunned when Hodges shared how he played around in school and had to repeat a grade to graduate. He cautioned students about the danger of cell phones and how they can get you in trouble. Hodges encouraged students it is ok to be different and do not let anyone influence you to do the wrong thing. National Library Week concluded with a presentation from China Stephens, who spoke to a group of third graders and shared with them her experiences, how they can succeed in spite of life's obstacles, and encouraged them to pay attention, obey rules, put forth effort, have good manners and to do their best in school as they pursue their career endeavors. She motivated students to do their best on state test and to pass to the fourth grade.

(Photo submitted)