February 15th was the 200th anniversary of the birth of Susan B. Anthony. She was a fighter for social reforms, a woman’s rights activist and anti-slavery. She is best known for her fight to obtain the right to vote for women. Unfortunately, she did not live to see her hard work succeed with the passage of the 19th Amendment having died 13 years previously. Susan B. Anthony fought long and hard for women to have the right to vote including being arrested for voting in 1872. She also fought to protect the dignity of motherhood and for rights for the unborn. Today, the Susan B. Anthony List, an anti-abortion organization named for her, fights to protect the rights of the unborn.

One of the women who is actively involved in this fight is Iowa’s Junior Senator Joni Ernst. Senator Ernst has fought hard for this country, having retired in 2015 after spending 23 years in the Army Reserves and the Army National Guard. She is the first woman elected to represent Iowa in either House of Congress. In 2019, she along with Senator Marsha Blackburn were the first female Republicans appointed to the Senate Judiciary Committee. She has spoken out on stopping sexual assault and retaliation in the military. She is fighting, as did Susan B. Anthony for women’s rights and for the rights of the unborn. Senator Ernst would not be in the U.S. Senate today without the work done by Susan B. Anthony. They are truly sisters in arms.