A Landmark Vote on Abortion

To the Editor:

I am heartened by what I see as two victories for the right-to-life movement: Gov. Jeb Bush's executive order to reinsert the feeding tube of Terri Schiavo ("Governor of Florida Orders Woman Fed in Right-to-Die Case," front page, Oct. 22); and the Senate's vote to ban the procedure known as "partial birth" abortion (front page, Oct. 22).

The first victory, I would submit, is greater than the second, as Mrs. Schiavo's life appears to have been saved by the order.

But the second victory, while largely a symbolic one that could ultimately fail in court, is nonetheless not insignificant, as it keeps the controversial abortion issue in the news.

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