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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. *104*

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A House Resolution regarding the intent of the House of Representatives that interest groups form an advisory committee to develop recommendations to reduce the frequency of abortions and unplanned pregnancies in the state.

WHEREAS, tension and discord among representatives of reproductive health interests continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, a 1994 study of the Alan Guttmacher Institute reported that approximately 51 percent of all pregnancies to women in the United States are planned, and of the remainder, approximately 23 percent are unplanned, and 27 percent end in abortion; and

WHEREAS, unplanned pregnancy in the United States is much higher than in comparable developed countries; and

WHEREAS, 48 percent of women in the United States have had at least one unplanned pregnancy in their lives; and

WHEREAS, the highest percentage of unplanned pregnancies in the United States is among women ages 18-24 and those who are unmarried or low-income, or both; and

WHEREAS, 46 percent of unplanned pregnancies end in birth while 54 percent end in abortion; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives

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1 declares that it is the intent of the House of  
2 Representatives that an advisory committee be formed  
3 during the 1998 interim of the General Assembly to  
4 provide an opportunity for the various representatives  
5 of reproductive health interests to work together to  
6 develop recommendations to reduce the frequency of  
7 abortions and unplanned pregnancies in the state. It  
8 is the intent of the House of Representatives that the  
9 committee be convened by the director of public health  
10 and consist of a balance of representatives of a  
11 variety of interest groups.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That any recommendations of  
13 the advisory committee shall be submitted to the  
14 General Assembly prior to the convening of the General  
15 Assembly in January 1999.

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