

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 62

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4 A Resolution to recognize that human life exists at  
5 the point of conception.

6 WHEREAS, there is no agreement among the various  
7 medical, religious, philosophical, and scientific  
8 perspectives regarding when human life begins and  
9 should be protected; and

10 WHEREAS, from a medical perspective, when human  
11 life begins might be defined as the point that a fetus  
12 reaches viability, but the point of viability has  
13 grown shorter as medical science and technology have  
14 advanced, making viability not a true measure of when  
15 human life begins but a measure of the state of  
16 medical science and technology; and

17 WHEREAS, from a religious perspective, when human  
18 life begins might be defined as the point that the  
19 soul is created by a higher being, but no test can  
20 measure the creation of a soul; and

21 WHEREAS, from a philosophical perspective, when  
22 human life begins might be defined as the point at  
23 which there is consciousness of self, but this point  
24 is not clearly measurable; and

25 WHEREAS, if the question of when human life begins  
26 is considered not a medical, religious, or  
27 philosophical question, but one of science; and

28 WHEREAS, from a scientific perspective, life is  
29 defined as the state of existence characterized by  
30 active metabolism, and a human is considered to be

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1 alive if the human can convert nutrients into energy  
2 for growth and cell division, both of which are  
3 possible at conception; NOW THEREFORE,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
5 That based on a scientific perspective, human life is  
6 recognized as existing at the point of conception; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That by recognizing the  
8 point at which human life first exists it is hoped  
9 that all perspectives regarding the sanctity of human  
10 life can work together to recognize and protect human  
11 life beginning at the point of conception.

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