

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 23

Reps. Lower, Maddock, Kahle, Green, Frederick, Steven Johnson, Rendon, Hornberger, Bollin, VanSingel, Hoitenga, Lightner, Crawford, Vaupel, Brann, Calley, Hernandez, Eisen, Wendzel, Paquette, Slagh, Albert, Huizenga, Farrington, Alexander, Filler, Schroeder, Wentworth, Sheppard, Leutheuser, Afendoulis, Meerman and Whiteford offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare this legislative body's policy to
2 protect life by preserving legal protections for unborn children
3 under Michigan law and to recognize that any abortion is a tragic
4 loss of human life.

5 Whereas, A fundamental role of government is to protect the
6 rights of citizens as articulated by Thomas Jefferson, who
7 declared, "The care of human life and happiness and not their
8 destruction is the first and only legitimate object of good

1 government"; and

2 Whereas, The state of Michigan retains a compelling interest
3 in protecting the lives of unborn children and has a long and
4 unbroken history of continuously prohibiting abortion since 1846;
5 and

6 Whereas, Advances in medical knowledge and technology have
7 revealed, to medical professionals and laymen alike, the rapid and
8 intricate development of each human being at the earliest stages.
9 The disciplines of both science and medicine have definitively
10 established that each individual, human life begins when
11 fertilization occurs, which is a factual determination and not a
12 matter of opinion or religious belief; and

13 Whereas, There is no known medical reason for an unborn baby
14 to be killed in the third trimester of gestation. Circumstances may
15 arise where emergency delivery of the child must take place.
16 However, it is never necessary, medically or otherwise, to kill a
17 viable baby before or during the course of this emergency delivery
18 or after the child is born; and

19 Whereas, There have been public attempts by members of our
20 society to celebrate the ending of human life in the form of
21 abortions. These celebrations are repugnant to a civilized society
22 and stand in direct conflict with human decency; and

23 Whereas, The ending of a human life in the form of abortion is
24 not birth control, nor is it health care. No matter the
25 circumstances, when an abortion is performed, a human life has
26 ended who is no different in his or her nature than every born
27 citizen of this state. As such, this occurrence is a cause for
28 sadness and solemn reflection, never celebration; now, therefore,
29 be it

1 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we declare it
2 is this legislative body's policy, and within the rights of this
3 state and its people, to protect life by preserving legal
4 protection for unborn children under Michigan law; and be it
5 further

6 Resolved, That this legislative body recognizes abortion as a
7 loss of human life and that such occurrences are never a cause for
8 celebration and are always a cause for sadness and solemn
9 reflection.