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To: Constitution

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 61

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 3
2 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890, BY CREATING A NEW SECTION
3 32A TO PROVIDE THAT THE RIGHT TO LIFE IS THE PARAMOUNT AND MOST
4 FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT OF A PERSON; TO PROVIDE THAT THE WORD "PERSON"
5 APPLIES TO ALL HUMAN BEINGS FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH, WITH
6 A CERTAIN EXCEPTION; TO SPECIFY CERTAIN ACTIVITIES THAT ARE NOT
7 AFFECTED OR PROHIBITED BY THIS SECTION, INCLUDING CONTRACEPTION OR
8 BIRTH CONTROL NOT KILLING A PERSON, IN VITRO FERTILIZATION OR
9 OTHER METHODS OF REPRODUCTION, MEDICAL TREATMENT INTENDED TO
10 PRESERVE LIFE, OR MISCARRIAGE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF
12 MISSISSIPPI, That the following amendment to the Mississippi
13 Constitution of 1890 is proposed to the qualified electors of the
14 state:

15 Amend Article 3 of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 by
16 creating a new Section 32A to read as follows:

17 "Section 32A. (1) The right to life is the paramount and
18 most fundamental right of a person.

19 (2) With respect to the right to life guaranteed in this
20 section, the word "person" applies to all human beings from
21 conception to natural death; however, a person may be required to
22 forfeit his or her life after being convicted of a crime that is
23 punishable by death and being sentenced to death. As used in this
24 section, the word "conception" means the earliest stage of
25 development of a human being.

26 (3) This section shall have no effect on and shall not be
27 construed to prohibit:

28 (a) Contraceptives or other methods of birth control
29 that do not kill a person; or



30 (b) In vitro fertilization or other methods of assisted
31 reproduction; or

32 (c) Medical treatment for life threatening physical
33 conditions intended to preserve life; or

34 (d) Unintentional termination of a pregnancy by
35 spontaneous miscarriage."

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment, if
37 adopted, shall be known as "The Right to Life Amendment of 2012."

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be
39 submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at
40 an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday
41 of November 2012, as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution
42 and by general law.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
44 amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed
45 constitutional amendment provides that the right to life is the
46 most fundamental right of a person; provides that the word
47 "person" applies to all human beings from conception to natural
48 death, with a certain exception; and specifies certain activities
49 that are not affected or prohibited by this section, including
50 contraception or birth control not killing a person; in vitro
51 fertilization or other methods of reproduction; medical treatment
52 intended to preserve life; or miscarriage."

