By: Senator(s) Fillingane

To: Constitution; Judiciary, Division A

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 555

- A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 14A
- 2 TO THE MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890 TO PROTECT THE LIFE OF AN
- 3 UNBORN CHILD AND TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO PAY FOR AN
- 4 ABORTION, EXCEPT TO SAVE THE LIFE OF THE MOTHER.
- 5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF
- 6 MISSISSIPPI, That the following amendment to the Mississippi
- 7 Constitution of 1890 is proposed to the qualified electors of the
- 8 state:
- 9 Section 14A, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, is created to
- 10 read as follows:
- 11 <u>Section 14A.</u> (1) The policy of Mississippi is to protect
- 12 the life of every unborn child from conception to birth, to the
- 13 extent permitted by the federal Constitution.
- 14 (2) Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to grant
- 15 or secure any right relating to abortion or the public funding of
- 16 abortion.
- 17 (3) No public funds shall be used to pay for any abortion,
- 18 except to save the life of the mother.
- 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this amendment shall be
- 20 submitted to the qualified electors at an election to be held on
- 21 the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November 2012, as
- 22 provided by Section 273 of the Constitution and by law.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed
- 24 constitutional amendment for the ballot shall read as follows:
- 25 "This proposed constitutional amendment creates a new section to
- 26 protect the life of every unborn child from conception to birth.
- 27 The section also prohibits the use of public funds to pay for
- 28 abortions, except to save the life of the mother."

S. C. R. No. 555 12/SS01/R736 PAGE 1 ST: Constitution; create section to protect life of unborn child from conception to birth and prohibit use of public funds for abortions.