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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54

BY REPRESENTATIVES HOFFMANN, BURFORD, HENSGENS, HINES, LABRUZZO, LEBAS, NOWLIN, AND SIMON

CONGRESS: Memorializes congress to defund and appropriate no future funding to Planned Parenthood

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to defund and appropriate no future funding to Planned Parenthood.

WHEREAS, the United States government presently faces a fiscal crisis of historic proportions, and recently came within mere hours of shutting down services for the first time in fifteen years due to the inability of congress to pass a budget for the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the budget agreement which congress and the president reached in the late hours of April 8, 2011, includes approximately thirty-eight billion dollars in cuts to federal spending in this fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood, an organization which holds itself out to be a "sexual and reproductive health care provider", performs abortions at certain of its clinics, and will continue to receive federal funding under this budget agreement; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood is the largest provider of abortions in the United States; and

WHEREAS, while federal law prohibits taxpayer funding of abortions, any federal funding which goes to Planned Parenthood materially aids the organization in performing abortions; and

WHEREAS, it is the longstanding policy of this state that an unborn child is a human being from the time of conception, is a legal person for purposes of the unborn child's right

to life, and is entitled to the right to life from conception under the laws and constitution of this state; and

WHEREAS, it is thus in the vital interest of this state that congress defund and appropriate no future funding to Planned Parenthood on the grounds that continued taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood would be fiscally irresponsible, and would defy the longstanding policy of Louisiana to support the right to life of all unborn children.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to defund and appropriate no future funding to Planned Parenthood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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