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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. M. P. MULLEN, RENWICK, MRKONIC, C. GEORGE, LETTERMAN, DOMBROWSKI, CAPUTO, FEE, YAHNER, LAUGHLIN, BURNS, CIMINI, McCLATCHY, MACKOWSKI, M. M. MULLEN, POLITE, DeMEDIO, RUGGIERO, ARTHURS, MUSTO, KATZ, MRS. GILLETTE, MESSRS. BELLOMINI, BRUNNER, DOYLE, GALLAGHER, VALICENTI, TRELLO, PITTS, GIAMMARCO, FREIND, SALVATORE, ZELLER, LOGUE, A. C. FOSTER JR., VROON, HAMILTON, GOEBEL AND GRIECO, FEBRUARY 7, 1977

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SENATOR EARLY, CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES AND FEDERAL RELATIONS, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED, FEBRUARY 15, 1978

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Making application to the Congress of the United States to call  
2 a convention for drafting and proposing an amendment to the  
3 Constitution of the United States to guarantee the right to  
4 life to the unborn fetus.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby resolves as follows:

7 Section 1. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of  
8 Pennsylvania (the Senate concurring) hereby makes application to  
9 the Congress of the United States, in accordance with the  
10 provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United  
11 States, to call a convention for drafting and proposing an  
12 amendment to the Constitution of the United States to guarantee  
13 the right to life to the unborn fetus by doing the following:

14 (a) With respect to the right to life guaranteed in the  
15 United States Constitution, provide that every human being

1 subject to the jurisdiction of the United States or any state  
2 shall be deemed from the moment of fertilization to be a person  
3 and entitled to the right to life.

4 (b) Provide that Congress and the several states shall have  
5 concurrent powers to enforce such an amendment by appropriate  
6 legislation.

7 (c) The purpose of the Constitutional Convention shall be to  
8 only consider the above and no other business.

9 (D) NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL PROHIBIT A LAW PERMITTING <—  
10 ONLY THOSE MEDICAL PROCEDURES REQUIRED TO PREVENT THE DEATH OF  
11 THE MOTHER.

12 Section 2. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall transmit  
13 certified copies of this resolution to the President of the  
14 Senate of the United States and to the Speaker of the House of  
15 Representatives of the United States and to the President of the  
16 Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the  
17 Legislatures of each of the other forty-nine States of the  
18 United States.