

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 115

Reps. Friske, Rigas, Alexander, Cavitt and Maddock offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to condemn the practice of abortion and to
2 recognize the sanctity of life, prior to birth.

3 Whereas, The heartbeat of an unborn child is evidence that
4 that child is alive. The medical community nearly universally
5 agrees that a heartbeat is detectable at 5 to 6 weeks into a
6 pregnancy, and the unborn child's heart is formed during weeks 3 to
7 4. Cardiopulmonary death, the cessation of circulatory and
8 respiratory functions, is one of the legal definitions of death
9 under Michigan statute. Therefore, one can reasonably assume an
10 unborn child with a heartbeat is alive; and

11 Whereas, Unborn children demonstrate brain activity that
12 offers further evidence they are alive. The medical community

1 nearly universally agrees that brain activity begins early in
2 pregnancy. Neural development progresses rapidly, and electrical
3 activity can be detectable in the brain by around 5 to 6 weeks into
4 a pregnancy. An unborn child can move his or her developing arms
5 and legs by week 6. By weeks 8 to 10, the unborn child can suck his
6 or her thumb and move his or her head around, and he or she
7 generally becomes right- or left-handed by this point. All of these
8 motor activities are indications of neural activity. The second
9 legal definition of death in Michigan is brain death, the cessation
10 of detectable brain activity. Therefore, one can reasonably assume
11 an unborn child with brain activity is alive; and

12 Whereas, An unborn child is clearly a living human being.
13 Therefore, one can reasonably assume that any effort to eliminate
14 this individual human life is no different than homicide; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we recognize an
17 individual unborn child as a distinct human life and that any
18 effort to eliminate this life is akin to homicide; and be it
19 further

20 Resolved, That we condemn the practice of abortion and condemn
21 any deliberate intent to procure an abortion as murderous.