

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Committing the Legislature and urging the Governor, the Supreme Court, and the Attorney General to secure the blessings of life and liberty for South Dakota's posterity.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the United States Constitution is "to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity;" and

WHEREAS, South Dakota Codified Law § 26-1-2 states, "A child conceived, but not born, is to be deemed an existing person so far as may be necessary for its interests in the event of its subsequent birth;" and

WHEREAS, our children and pre-born children are our posterity; and

WHEREAS, our most important blessing is the right to live; and

WHEREAS, the right to life of all innocent persons is God-given and unalienable; and

WHEREAS, it has been forty-five years since the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the assault on these core principles in *Roe v. Wade*; and

WHEREAS, an estimated sixty million sixty-six thousand two hundred eighty-nine babies have been aborted in the United States of America since 1973:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South Dakota Legislature commits to providing all pre-born children their God-given right to exist and commits to appropriate protections by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, and emphatically urges the South Dakota Supreme Court, the Governor of South Dakota, the Attorney General of South Dakota, and the United States Supreme Court to take all actions necessary to do so.

Adopted by the Senate,
Concurred in by the House of Representatives,

January 22, 2018
February 13, 2018

Matt Michels
President of the Senate

Kay Johnson
Secretary of the Senate

G. Mark Mickelson
Speaker of the House

Sandra J. Zinter
Chief Clerk of the House