

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1003

A RESOLUTION, Denouncing the recent passage of New York's abortion law and requesting that the Governor declare a day of prayer and fasting to atone for the unspeakable crime of abortion.

WHEREAS, South Dakota recognizes that an unborn child is a whole, separate, unique, living human being; and

WHEREAS, from the moment of conception all mankind is united in the common bond of human personage, with all dignity belonging thereto, as bestowed by nature and nature's unseen author; and

WHEREAS, united by bonds of history, culture, and law with the people of New York, and our unity as Americans being dear to us; and

WHEREAS, our fellow Americans in the state of New York, not only having enacted a law permitting the murder of unborn persons in the last moment before the light beyond the womb; and

WHEREAS, our countrymen did compound their crime by taking the ghastly and egregious step of publicly celebrating such barbarous and inhuman acts; and

WHEREAS, in light of this barbarism in which we will not share, our bonds of union and affection are now diminished, sadly against our wish, fallen victim to unholy festivities; and

WHEREAS, the noble citizens of this luminous land have labored forty-six years under the dread darkness of *Roe v. Wade*, an unlawful pronouncement of a so-called right to wrest life from the innocent; and

WHEREAS, we, at the expiration of these forty-six years, do remain altogether devoted to the cause of life, a sacred principle on which our worthy civilization depends, while unjust governments mock infants and make merry in an unthinking war to destroy and defile; and

WHEREAS, we know, being taught by the eternal law and the annals of history, that nations and individuals owe due recompense for grave crimes against right; and

WHEREAS, we being sincere in our desire for comity and friendship, cannot look with indifference upon these attempts to shake the foundation of free government, long found in virtue, righteousness, and solicitude for all; and

WHEREAS, in the humility as befits our modest state, with no desire to provoke, yet in fear of

eternal perdition and convicted that this grave offense cries out for justice:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that we confess an utter insufficiency of words to describe the horror and broken-heartedness we felt in learning of the unrighteous sacrilege the government of New York masqueraded under the guise of just law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, we request that the Governor set forth a day of prayer and fasting to atone for the unspeakable crime of abortion in our land, and ask that same be transmitted to all South Dakotans at home and abroad, young and old, to strangers and travelers in our midst, and to all people of goodwill.

Steven G. Haugaard
Speaker of the House

Sandra J. Zinter
Chief Clerk of the House