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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1004

Introduced by: Representatives Frye-Mueller, Brunner, Dennert, Goodwin, Hammock, Howard, Jensen (Kevin), Johnson (Chris), Karr, Koth, Latterell, Livermont, Marty, Mulally, Perry, Peterson (Sue), Pischke, Post, Rasmussen, Steele, Weis, and Wiese

1 A RESOLUTION, Petitioning Congress and the President to immediately defund Planned
2 Parenthood of all federal funding; strongly condemning the recent unrestrictive abortion
3 laws passed in New York and Vermont; and, expressing South Dakotans' continued resolve
4 to secure the blessings of life and liberty for our posterity.

5 WHEREAS, New York and Vermont recently passed abortion laws essentially making it
6 legal to abort a baby at any stage of pregnancy, up to the moment of birth, and even removed
7 legal protections for babies born alive from botched abortions; and

8 WHEREAS, according to its latest annual report, the Planned Parenthood Federation of
9 America and its affiliates were responsible for 332,757 abortions in the United States in 2018,
10 thereby representing an increase of approximately 11,000 abortions from the prior year and
11 increasing the total number of babies killed to more than an estimated 8,326,000; and

12 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood's total revenue in fiscal year 2017 was \$1.665 billion,
13 including \$563.8 million from tax payer funding – record highs for both categories; and

14 WHEREAS, according to the Center for Responsive Politics, Planned Parenthood's



1 advocacy and political arms spent more than \$8.1 million in 2018 to elect political candidates
2 sympathetic to their policy objectives on abortion; and

3 WHEREAS, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
4 Planned Parenthood provides about one-third to one-half of all abortions in the United States;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood referred only 2,831 women to adoption services during
7 the entire year of 2018 – about 1,000 less than the year before; and

8 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood claims it is a health organization, yet its annual report
9 shows a dramatic decrease in most of its non-abortion services – the issuance of contraceptives
10 was down by 80,000, cancer screenings were down by 45,000, and other women's health
11 services, such as well-woman exams and prenatal services decreased by 13,000; and

12 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood President Dr. Leana Wen recently acknowledged that
13 abortion is not just a service the organization provides, but it is Planned Parenthood's core
14 mission; and

15 WHEREAS, in July 2015, investigative journalists with the Center for Medical Progress
16 began releasing a series of undercover videos in which various senior leaders of Planned
17 Parenthood spoke in astonishingly frank and horrific ways about unborn babies, their use of
18 illegal abortion methods, and their harvesting of tissues and organs from unborn babies to
19 further profit from the practice of abortion; and

20 WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives Select Investigative Panel on Infant
21 Lives and the United States Senate Judiciary Committee have each made criminal referrals to
22 the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation after each found evidence that
23 Planned Parenthood and others in the abortion industry may have violated federal law by the use
24 of illegal abortion methods, including late-term, partial-birth, and born-alive abortions, and the

1 procurement of fetal tissue for profit; and

2 WHEREAS, although in 2015, the U.S. House of Representatives voted 241-187 to approve
3 H.R. 3134, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015, the legislation has languished and
4 Planned Parenthood continues to receive more than half a billion dollars each year from United
5 States taxpayers; and

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

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

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

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

11 WHEREAS, an estimated sixty-one million, forty-four thousand nine hundred thirty-eighty
12 babies have been aborted in the United States since 1973; and

13 WHEREAS, because South Dakota Codified Law § 26-1-2 states, "A child conceived, but
14 not born, is to be deemed an existing person so far as may be necessary for its interests in the
15 event of its subsequent birth," every time we allow a conceived child to be aborted, we fail in
16 our lawful duty to protect their interests:

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-
18 Fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the South Dakota Legislature commits to
19 providing all pre-born children their God-given right to exist and commits to appropriate
20 protections by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, and
21 emphatically urges the South Dakota Supreme Court, the Governor of South Dakota, the
22 Attorney General of South Dakota, and the Supreme Court of the United States to take all
23 actions necessary to do so; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Legislature strongly condemns the

1 recent unrestrictive abortion laws passed in New York and Vermont; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Legislature denounces the abortion
3 agenda and practices of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America and its affiliates,
4 especially their role in the killing of 332,757 precious unborn babies in 2018, the use of
5 particularly gruesome abortion methods, and profiteering from harvesting unborn babies' tissues
6 and organs; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Legislature urges the United States
8 Congress and President Donald Trump to defund Planned Parenthood immediately and
9 completely end all federal government support and tax payer funding; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Legislature calls on Representative
11 Dusty Johnson, Senator John Thune, and Senator Mike Rounds to vote against all legislation
12 providing funding to Planned Parenthood; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President
14 of the United States, the speaker and clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the
15 president and secretary of the United States Senate, the Attorney General of the United States,
16 Representative Dusty Johnson, Senator John Thune, and Senator Mike Rounds.