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HOUSE ENGROSSED NO. **SCR 3** - 2/13/2018

Introduced by: Senators Nelson, Greenfield (Brock), Haverly, Jensen (Phil), Maher, Monroe, Netherton, Otten (Ernie), Russell, Stalzer, Tapio, and Youngberg and Representatives DiSanto, Brunner, Campbell, Clark, Dennert, Frye-Mueller, Goodwin, Gosch, Greenfield (Lana), Howard, Kaiser, Latterell, Marty, May, Pischke, Rasmussen, Ring, and Schoenfish

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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