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To implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 2, 2005

Mr. HUNTER (for himself, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. AKIN, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. RENZI, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. NEY, Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. WAMP, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. PITTS, Ms. FOXX, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, and Mr. LAHOOD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Right to Life Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RIGHT TO LIFE.**

2 To implement equal protection for the right to life
3 of each born and preborn human person, and pursuant
4 to the duty and authority of the Congress, including Con-
5 gress' power under article I, section 8, to make necessary
6 and proper laws, and Congress' power under section 5 of
7 the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution of the
8 United States, the Congress hereby declares that the right
9 to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each
10 human being.

11 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

12 For purposes of this Act:

13 (1) HUMAN PERSON; HUMAN BEING.—The
14 terms “human person” and “human being” include
15 each and every member of the species homo sapiens
16 at all stages of life, including, but not limited to, the
17 moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at
18 which an individual member of the human species
19 comes into being.

20 (2) STATE.—The term “State” used in the
21 14th article of amendment to the Constitution of the
22 United States and other applicable provisions of the
23 Constitution includes the District of Columbia, the
24 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and each other terri-
25 tory or possession of the United States.