## 109TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION H. CON. RES. 222

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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## **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day.

Whereas each year, approximately one million pregnancies in the United States end in miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of a newborn baby;

Whereas it is a great tragedy to lose the life of a child;

Whereas even the shortest lives are still valuable, and the grief of those who mourn the loss of these lives should not be trivialized;

- Whereas during the past 3 years, Governors of all 50 States have signed proclamations designating October 15 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day;
- Whereas the legislatures of the States of Arkansas, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, New York, Rhode Island, and South Dakota have passed concurrent resolutions recognizing October 15th of each year as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day;
- Whereas the observance of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day may provide validation to those who have suffered a loss through miscarriage, stillbirth, or other complications;
- Whereas recognizing Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day would enable the people of the United States to consider how, as individuals and communities, they can meet the needs of bereaved mothers, fathers, and family members, and work to prevent the causes of these deaths; and
- Whereas October 15th of each year is an appropriate day to observe National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day: Now, therefore, be it
- 1 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate
- 2 *concurring*), That the Congress—
- 3 (1) supports the goals and ideals of National
  4 Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day; and
  5 (2) requests that the President issue a procla6 mation calling upon the people of the United States

to observe such day with appropriate programs and
 activities.

Passed the House of Representatives September 28, 2006.

Attest:

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