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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Supreme Court's 1973 decision in Roe v. Wade established a fundamental right to safe and legal reproductive health care free of excessive government restrictions; and

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WHEREAS, The Court's ruling in Roe v. Wade established these personal medical decisions were to be made between patients and their doctors, not by politicians; and

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WHEREAS, The right to privacy underpinning Roe v. Wade protects not only abortion rights but also many other rights we now regard as fundamental, including the ability to access birth control as established in the Supreme Court's 1970 Griswold v. Connecticut decision; and

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WHEREAS, The Supreme Court has repeatedly affirmed the principles of Roe v. Wade, with judges and legal scholars on all ends of the political spectrum speaking to the importance of the precedent; and

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WHEREAS, These rulings guaranteeing access to reproductive health care have curtailed the practice of dangerous "back-alley" abortions, where patients were forced to put their lives on the line to receive care; and

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1 WHEREAS, Extreme anti-choice activists and right-wing
2 politicians have spent decades trying to bring back the
3 dangerous era before Roe v. Wade by pushing new restrictions
4 on abortion and birth control access; and

5 WHEREAS, The one-term presidency of Donald Trump has put
6 these fundamental rights at risk like never before; as a
7 candidate, Trump said that women seeking abortion should be
8 punished, and then he worked to fill the federal judiciary
9 with opponents of reproductive choice; and

10 WHEREAS, In response to this assault, the Illinois House
11 of Representatives has worked to move Illinois in a
12 fundamentally better direction by enshrining the right to
13 choose as a fundamental right in Illinois, regardless of what
14 extreme politicians in Washington, D.C. do; and

15 WHEREAS, A person's autonomy and ability to participate in
16 the economic and social aspects of daily life are implicated
17 by their ability to control their reproductive health; and

18 WHEREAS, Access to reproductive health care is often
19 integral to the healing and recovery of survivors of sexual
20 assault and abuse; and

21 WHEREAS, We continue to believe that personal medical

1 decisions should be made between patients and their doctors,
2 not by politicians; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we declare our belief that the Supreme Court's decisions in
6 Roe v. Wade and Griswold v. Connecticut were properly decided,
7 and we declare our opposition to any effort to overturn,
8 undermine, or weaken the precedents; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
10 delivered to the Governor, all Illinois constitutional
11 officers, and all members of the Illinois Congressional
12 Delegation in order to bring further awareness to the
13 importance of women's health and reproductive rights for the
14 residents of the State of Illinois and to be a model state for
15 the rest of the country.