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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the right to life.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DORNAN (for himself, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. HYDE, and Mrs. VUCANOVICH) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the right to life.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-*
4 *lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-*
5 *stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all*
6 *intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when*
7 *ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several*

1 States within seven years after the date of its submission
2 for ratification:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. The right to life is the paramount and
5 most fundamental right of a person.

6 “SECTION 2. With respect to the right to life guaran-
7 teed to persons by the fifth and fourteenth articles of
8 amendment to the Constitution, the word ‘person’ applies
9 to all human beings, irrespective of age, health, function,
10 or condition of dependency, including their unborn off-
11 spring at every stage of their biological development in-
12 cluding fertilization.

13 “SECTION 3. No unborn person shall be deprived of
14 life by any person: *Provided, however,* That nothing in this
15 article shall prohibit a law allowing justification to be
16 shown for only those medical procedures required to pre-
17 vent the death of either the pregnant woman or her un-
18 born offspring, as long as such law requires every reason-
19 able effort be made to preserve the life of each.

20 “SECTION 4. The Congress and the several States
21 shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate leg-
22 islation.”.

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