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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to private companies involved in the trafficking of baby body parts for profit.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TANCREDO (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. PITTS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act of 1993 effectively lifted the ban on federally funded research involving the transplantation of baby body parts, and such Act made it a Federal felony for any person to knowingly, for “valuable consideration,” purchase or sell baby body parts (with a term of imprisonment of up to 10 years and with fines of up to \$250,000 in the case of an individual and \$500,000 in the case of an organization);

Whereas private companies have sought to meet the demand by both public and private research facilities by providing baby body parts;

Whereas the definition of “valuable consideration” under the National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act of 1993 does not include reasonable payments associated with the transportation, implantation, processing, preservation, quality control, or storage of baby body parts; and

Whereas private companies appear to believe that the definition of “valuable consideration” allows them to circumvent Federal law and avoid felony charges with impunity while trafficking in baby body parts for profit: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that the Congress should exercise oversight
3 responsibilities and conduct hearings, and take appro-
4 priate steps if necessary, concerning private companies
5 that are involved in the trafficking of baby body parts for
6 profit.

