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# H. J. RES. 9

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

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. EMERSON introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-*  
3       *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 only  
6       when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the  
7       several States within seven years after the date of final  
8       passage of this joint resolution:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. With respect to the right to life, the  
3 word ‘person’ as used in this article and in the fifth and  
4 fourteenth articles of amendment applies to all human  
5 beings irrespective of age, health, function, or condition  
6 of dependency, including their unborn offspring at every  
7 state of their biological development.

8 “SECTION 2. No unborn person shall be deprived of  
9 life by any person: *Provided, however,* That nothing in this  
10 article shall prohibit a law permitting only those medical  
11 procedures required to prevent the death of the mother  
12 of an unborn person: *Provided further,* That nothing in  
13 this article shall limit the liberty of a mother with respect  
14 to the unborn offspring of the mother conceived as a result  
15 of rape or incest.

16 “SECTION 3. The Congress and the several States  
17 shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate leg-  
18 islation”.

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