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H. CON. RES. 222

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2005

Mr. LATHAM submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was
referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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 babies sometimes live within or outside their moth-
ers' wombs for only a short period of time;

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 two 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 15 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 lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, or other complications;

Whereas recognizing Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day will provide the people of the United States with an opportunity to increase their understanding of the great tragedy involved in the deaths of unborn and newborn babies;

Whereas 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 15, 2005 would be 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 procla-
6 mation calling upon the people of the United States

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- 1 to observe such day with appropriate programs and
- 2 activities.

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