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Condemning violence that targets healthcare for women.

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RESOLUTION

Condemning violence that targets healthcare for women.

Whereas the constitutional right of women to make healthcare decisions about their bodies has been an established right for over 43 years;

Whereas in *Eisenstadt v. Baird*, 405 U.S. 438 (1972), the Supreme Court confirmed the constitutional right of all women to legally access birth control;

Whereas the Supreme Court decided *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), 42 years ago and reaffirmed that women have a constitutional right to comprehensive reproductive healthcare;

Whereas for decades, healthcare providers for women and people who access healthcare services for women have been subjected to intimidation, threats, and violence;

Whereas since 1993, there have been 11 murders and numerous attempted murders of individuals associated with care provided at health centers for women;

Whereas since 1977—

(1) nearly 7,000 violent acts have been reported against providers at health centers for women, including bombings, arsons, death threats, kidnappings, and assaults; and

(2) more than 190,000 acts of disruption, including bomb threats and harassing calls, have been reported;

Whereas between June and December 2015, arson, vandalism, and threats have increased at Planned Parenthood health centers and other health centers for women, including—

(1) health centers in—

(A) Aurora, Illinois;

(B) Pullman, Washington;

(C) Louisville, Kentucky; and

(D) Claremont, New Hampshire; and

(2) on November 27, 2015, an attack by a gunman at a Planned Parenthood health center in Colorado Springs, Colorado, in which 3 people were killed and 9 people were injured;

Whereas extreme rhetoric contributes to a climate that is dangerous for individuals who provide or access comprehensive healthcare services;

Whereas since more than 40 percent of the patients of Planned Parenthood are people of color, people of color are disproportionately impacted by attacks on health centers for women; and

Whereas over their lifetimes, 1 in 5 women in the United States will access healthcare at Planned Parenthood, which—

(1) in 2013 provided—

(A) over 1,400,000 emergency contraception kits;

(B) nearly 4,500,000 tests and treatments for sexually transmitted infections; and

(C) nearly 900,000 cervical cancer screenings and breast exams;

(2) continues to be the leading reproductive health-care provider in the United States; and

(3) along with many other reproductive health providers, continues to provide expert, quality reproductive healthcare in safe and supportive environments across the country: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) denounces the attacks on healthcare centers
3 for women, providers of healthcare for women, and
4 patients; and

5 (2) affirms that all women have the right to ac-
6 cess reproductive healthcare services without fear of
7 violence, intimidation, or harassment.

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