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By: Representatives *Ballinger, Gates, Dotson, Payton, Richmond*

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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Subtitle

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WHEREAS, Article 5 of the United States Constitution provides that the United States Congress, whenever two-thirds (2/3) of both houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to the United States Constitution,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

THAT the General Assembly urges the United States Congress to propose the following amendment to the United States Constitution:

SECTION 1. With respect to the right of life guaranteed in the United States Constitution and to provide that every human being subject to the



jurisdiction of the United States or any State shall be deemed from the moment of conception to be a person and entitled to the right to life, neither the United States nor any State shall:

(1) Deprive any human being, from the moment of conception, of life without due process of law; or

(2) Deny to any human being, from the moment of conception, within its jurisdiction, the equal protection of the law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this joint resolution be delivered to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of the Arkansas congressional delegation, and to the presiding officer of each house of the legislature of each state.

/s/Rapert