

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5039

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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9 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION naming October 15 as Pregnancy
10 and Infant Loss Remembrance Day.

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12 WHEREAS, According to a 1996 study by the Centers of Disease
13 Control, 16% of over 6,000,000 pregnancies ended in either a miscarriage
14 or stillbirth, which is almost 1,000,000 perinatal losses; and

15 WHEREAS, Of those over six million pregnancies, 62%, or 3,720,000,
16 ended in live births, and 26,784 of those births ended in deaths of infants
17 11 months and younger; and

18 WHEREAS, The above statistics do not reflect the 22% of infants that
19 are lost to abortions; and

20 WHEREAS, The availability of information and support is of the ut-
21 most importance to the families who suffer from pregnancy and infant
22 loss to better help them cope; and

23 WHEREAS, A public that is informed and educated about pregnancy
24 and infant loss can better learn how to respond with compassion to af-
25 fected families; and

26 WHEREAS, Professionals who come in contact with families who
27 have suffered pregnancy or infant loss, such as physicians, clergy, emer-
28 gency medical technicians, funeral directors, police officers, public health
29 nurses and employers, can better serve families if they have special train-
30 ing and better knowledge of pregnancy and infant loss; and

31 WHEREAS, If a Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day is
32 created to recognize the grief of the families and to remember all of the
33 pregnancies and infants lost will help to heal and comfort the families in
34 a time of pain and heartache, and give the families hope for the future:
35 Now, therefore,

36 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*
37 *the Senate concurring therein:* That October 15, 2004, and October 15
38 of subsequent years, be named as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remem-
39 brance Day to recognize the grief of the families and to remember all of
40 the pregnancies and infants lost, to help to heal and comfort the families
41 in a time of pain and heartache and to give the families hope for the
42 future.