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11 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

12 TO OPPOSE THE ARKANSAS ABORTION AMENDMENT OF 2024 AND  
13 ENCOURAGE ALL REGISTERED VOTERS TO VOTE AGAINST THE  
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17 **Subtitle**

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24 WHEREAS, prior to the United States Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade  
25 decision, Arkansas had enacted laws protecting women and unborn children from  
26 abortion; and

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28 WHEREAS, from January 22, 1973, to June 24, 2022, the United States  
29 Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade prevented Arkansas from protecting  
30 women and unborn children from abortion; and

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32 WHEREAS, on June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court overturned  
33 Roe v. Wade in its Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision; and

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35 WHEREAS, that same day the State of Arkansas certified that Act 180 of  
36 2019, the Arkansas Human Life Protection Act, prohibiting abortion except to



1 save the life of the mother in a medical emergency is in effect; and

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3 WHEREAS, an effort is now underway to enact the Arkansas Abortion  
4 Amendment of 2024; and

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6 WHEREAS, the ballot title of the Arkansas Abortion Amendment of 2024  
7 states that the amendment prevents the State of Arkansas from prohibiting,  
8 penalizing, delaying, or restricting abortion during the first twenty (20)  
9 weeks since the first day of the pregnant female's last menstrual period; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Abortion Amendment of 2024 would legalize  
12 abortion on demand during approximately the first five (5) months of  
13 pregnancy in Arkansas, thereby depriving unborn children of their fundamental  
14 right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

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16 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Abortion Amendment of 2024 proposes various  
17 exceptions that would permit an abortion up until birth in many instances;  
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20 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Abortion Amendment of 2024 nullifies all laws and  
21 amendments that conflict with it, thereby jeopardizing measures such as  
22 parental-consent laws that historically have enjoyed bipartisan support; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Abortion Amendment of 2024 also would jeopardize  
25 the constitutionality of public health and safety requirements the State of  
26 Arkansas might deem appropriate and necessary for abortion procedures and for  
27 those who perform abortions,

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29 NOW THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
31 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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33 THAT the House of Representatives oppose the Arkansas Abortion  
34 Amendment of 2024, and encourage all registered voters to vote against it.