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To provide that human life shall be deemed to begin with fertilization.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HICE of Georgia (for himself, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, and Mr. GRAVES of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sanctity of Human
5 Life Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DECLARATION.**

7 In the exercise of the powers of the Congress, includ-
8 ing Congress’ power under article I, section 8 of the Con-
9 stitution, to make necessary and proper laws, and Con-

1 gress' power under section 5 of the 14th article of amend-
2 ment to the Constitution of the United States—

3 (1) the Congress declares that—

4 (A) the right to life guaranteed by the
5 Constitution is vested in each human being, and
6 is the paramount and most fundamental right
7 of a person; and

8 (B) the life of each human being begins
9 with fertilization, cloning, or its functional
10 equivalent, irrespective of sex, health, function
11 or disability, defect, stage of biological develop-
12 ment, or condition of dependency, at which time
13 every human being shall have all the legal and
14 constitutional attributes and privileges of
15 personhood; and

16 (2) the Congress affirms that the Congress,
17 each State, the District of Columbia, and all United
18 States territories have the authority to protect the
19 lives of all human beings residing in its respective
20 jurisdictions.

21 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

22 For purposes of this Act:

23 (1) FERTILIZATION.—The term “fertilization”
24 means the process of a human spermatozoan pene-
25 trating the cell membrane of a human oocyte to cre-

1 ate a human zygote, a one-celled human embryo,
2 which is a new unique human being.

3 (2) CLONING.—The term “cloning” means the
4 process called somatic cell nuclear transfer, that
5 combines an enucleated egg and the nucleus of a so-
6 matic cell to make a human embryo.

7 (3) HUMAN; HUMAN BEING.—The terms
8 “human” and “human being” include each and
9 every member of the species homo sapiens at all
10 stages of life, beginning with the earliest stage of de-
11 velopment, created by the process of fertilization,
12 cloning, or its functional equivalent.

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