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# H. RES. 1428

Expressing support for Reproductive Justice on the 250th Anniversary of  
the United States of America.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SIMON (for herself, Ms. PRESSLEY, and Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## RESOLUTION

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Anniversary of the United States of America.

Whereas as the United States of America approaches its 250th anniversary, we recognize that both in the history of the United States and in the current day and age, aspects of the Federal Government and States across the United States have moved to restrict self-determination and bodily autonomy;

Whereas the fourth anniversary of the Supreme Court's tragic decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturned *Roe v. Wade* and eliminated the constitutional right to abortion highlights the notion that

self-determination and bodily sovereignty are cornerstones of democratic governance, economic security, racial justice, gender equity, public health, religious autonomy, and the full civic participation of all people;

Whereas attacks on access to abortion, contraception, gender-affirming care, and the freedom to form a family on one's own terms threaten the ability of people to make decisions about their own lives, futures, and families, and fall hardest on those already facing barriers to opportunity;

Whereas Reproductive Justice, a framework created in 1994 by Black women organizers, holds that every person has the right to have children, the right not to have children, and the right to raise children in safe, healthy, and thriving communities, free from domestic violence, offering this Nation a coherent human rights vision rooted in freedom, dignity, and self-determination;

Whereas every person deserves the freedom to decide if, when, and how to build a family, and every child deserves the opportunity to grow up in a safe, healthy, and supportive community;

Whereas the right to have a child demands equitable access to dignified, person-centered reproductive and maternal healthcare; a robust and diverse health care workforce; postpartum and family support; and freedom from coercion, forced sterilization, and the criminalization of pregnancy;

Whereas the right not to have a child demands the legal protection of abortion access, the elimination of financial, geographic, and administrative barriers to comprehensive reproductive health care, robust protections for patients

and providers, and the full decriminalization of pregnancy outcomes;

Whereas the right to raise a family with dignity demands universal health care, affordable and accessible childcare, paid family leave, disability-inclusive communities, living wages, and the resources necessary for every family to thrive;

Whereas the promise of America is not fulfilled when health care, family formation, and bodily autonomy depend upon a person's race, ZIP Code, income, disability status, or immigration status; and

Whereas the scale of this moment calls for a full commitment of national ingenuity and political will toward the most fundamental human needs for our collective future: the preservation of our democratic integrity, the protection of our public health, and the full realization of reproductive freedom for all: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) recognizes that every person has the right  
3       to safe, dignified, and equitable conditions for child-  
4       birth and family formation;

5               (2) commits to policies that advance person-  
6       centered, community-rooted maternal health care  
7       that expands the full continuum of maternal care,  
8       and ensures accountability at every level of the  
9       health care system;

10              (3) condemns increased criminalization of preg-  
11      nancy and pregnancy outcomes, and affirms protec-

1        tions against reproductive coercion, forced steriliza-  
2        tion, and the criminalization of pregnancy outcomes,  
3        including miscarriage, abortion, and stillbirth;

4            (4) affirms individuals should have coverage  
5        and access to fertility treatments, assisted reproduc-  
6        tive technologies, and the full range of options peo-  
7        ple need to form families on their own terms with  
8        ethical and equitable regulatory frameworks gov-  
9        erning emerging reproductive technologies, with par-  
10       ticular attention to preventing eugenic application;

11           (5) affirms that reproductive freedom includes  
12        the right to plan, space, or end a pregnancy safely,  
13        legally, and without barrier and commits to policies  
14        that advance, and constitutional enshrinement of,  
15        the right to abortion and comprehensive reproductive  
16        health care at every level of government;

17           (6) condemns funding restrictions that deny or  
18        delay reproductive health care to people based on in-  
19        come, immigration status, insurance status, or geog-  
20        raphy, including Hyde Amendment-style prohibitions  
21        and their State and local equivalents;

22           (7) affirms the commitment of Congress to  
23        guarantee universal access to comprehensive, medi-  
24        cally accurate, age-appropriate reproductive and sex-  
25        ual health education and care;

1           (8) affirms that reproductive justice requires  
2           the conditions to raise families safely, sustainably,  
3           and with full human dignity;

4           (9) affirms the commitment of Congress to  
5           guarantee a universal and robust health care system  
6           that includes the full suite of reproductive and sex-  
7           ual health care, including abortion, contraception,  
8           prenatal and postpartum care, and gender-affirming  
9           care, for every person, regardless of income, employ-  
10          ment, or geography;

11          (10) recognizes the need for universal paid fam-  
12          ily and medical leave;

13          (11) affirms that every person should have ac-  
14          cess to affordable, high-quality childcare and early  
15          education, essential family supports, including nutri-  
16          tion, housing, and health services, so that every child  
17          has the foundation for a safe, healthy, and sup-  
18          ported childhood; and

19          (12) declares a vision for a future where repro-  
20          ductive freedom is treated not as a privilege to be  
21          granted or withheld, but as a human right guaran-  
22          teed to us all, and an indispensable foundation of  
23          democracy, dignity, and the American promise.

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