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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with
respect to the right to life.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. EMERSON introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United
States with respect to the right to life.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-
4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid only
6 when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the
7 several States within seven years after the date of final
8 passage of this joint resolution:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. With respect to the right to life, the
3 word ‘person’ as used in this article and in the fifth and
4 fourteenth articles of amendment applies to all human
5 beings irrespective of age, health, function, or condition
6 of dependency, including their unborn offspring at every
7 state of their biological development.

8 “SECTION 2. No unborn person shall be deprived of
9 life by any person: *Provided, however,* That nothing in this
10 article shall prohibit a law permitting only those medical
11 procedures required to prevent the death of the mother
12 of an unborn person: *Provided further,* That nothing in
13 this article shall limit the liberty of a mother with respect
14 to the unborn offspring of the mother conceived as a result
15 of rape or incest.

16 “SECTION 3. The Congress and the several States
17 shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate leg-
18 islation.”.

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