

107TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 435

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2002

Received and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
Pensions

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the therapeutic technique known as rebirthing is a dangerous and harmful practice and should be prohibited.

Whereas “rebirthing” is a form of “attachment therapy”, which is used to try to forge new bonds between adoptive parents and their adopted children;

Whereas Candace Newmaker, a child from North Carolina, died from the rebirthing technique, and four other children have died from other forms of attachment therapy;

Whereas the American Psychological Association does not
recognize rebirthing as proper treatment; and

Whereas many States have enacted or are considering legisla-
tion to prohibit this technique: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring),*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This concurrent resolution may be cited as the
5 “Candace Newmaker Resolution of 2002”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THERAPEUTIC**
7 **TECHNIQUE KNOWN AS REBIRTHING.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—It is the sense of the Congress
9 that the therapeutic technique known as rebirthing is dan-
10 gerous and harmful, and the Congress encourages each
11 State to enact a law that prohibits such technique.

12 (b) DEFINITION.—In this resolution, the term “re-
13 birthing” means a therapy to reenact the birthing process
14 in a manner that includes restraint and creates a situation
15 in which a patient may suffer physical injury or death.

Passed the House of Representatives September 17,
2002.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.