RECOGNIZING THE FETUS AS A HUMAN LIFE UPON THE EXISTENCE OF A HEARTBEAT

Introduced By: Representatives McLaughlin, Serodio, Vella-Wilkinson, Corvese, and Hull

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WHEREAS, If an embryo is then nourished and protected, it will proceed, uninterrupted, through the developmental stages from embryo to fetus; and

WHEREAS, There is sound scientific evidence that the heart of a fetus begins beating at about the eighteenth through the twenty-fourth day of fetal development and that this heartbeat, sometimes described as a "flutter", indicates and is recognized as the existence of life; and

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