

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes the month of June as Sanctity of Preborn Life Month

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize the month of June as Sanctity of Preborn Life Month in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, the Bible affirms that the preborn child is a person, bearing the image
4 of God, from the moment of conception (Psalm 139:13–16; Luke 1:44); and

5 WHEREAS, Louisiana Baptists have historically recognized the sanctity of life in
6 the womb and repeatedly reaffirmed our pro-life ethic, our opposition to the heinous act of
7 abortion, our support for abortion-vulnerable women, as well as our commitment to the
8 sanctity of marriage and the health and growth of families; and

9 WHEREAS, Louisiana Baptists have prayerfully sought God’s favor in moving the
10 nation's highest court to affirm the truth that life begins at conception and that the preborn
11 are worthy of dignity and protection; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court ruled in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's*
13 *Health Organization* to overturn its harmful decisions in *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned*
14 *Parenthood v. Casey*, which, combined, led to more than sixty-three million preborn lives
15 lost during the past forty-nine years; and

16 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana, with the support of the governors of
17 Louisiana and the citizens of our state, enacted laws to end abortion in our state once *Roe*
18 *v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* were overturned; and

19 WHEREAS, the messengers to the 175th session of the Louisiana Baptist Convention
20 meeting in Alexandria, on November 15, 2022, praise God and thank Him for His favor in

1 the long-term effort to overturn the disastrous pro-abortion precedents set in *Roe v. Wade*
2 and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*; and

3 WHEREAS, we applaud justices Samuel A. Alito, Jr., Amy Coney Barrett, Neil M.
4 Gorsuch, Brett M. Kavanaugh, and Clarence Thomas for their courageous unity in the face
5 of threats of violence against them and their families to stand firm in returning "the authority
6 to regulate abortion ... to the people and their elected representatives," allowing Louisiana
7 and other states to ban abortion, thus protecting the lives of the preborn and upholding the
8 sanctity of the parent-child relationship; and

9 WHEREAS, we commend the churches and individuals who have worked tirelessly
10 to cultivate a pro-life culture in our state through prayer, spiritual health and growth of our
11 citizenry regarding pro-life matters, and public policy action including the overwhelming
12 passage of the 2020 constitutional amendment, the Love Life Amendment.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby implore Louisiana Baptists to increase their efforts to
15 serve and support local pregnancy resource centers, pro-life organizations, and foster-care
16 and adoptive families and to undertake the valuable and often under-recognized work in the
17 care of mothers and children at every stage of life and the support of fathers so they may
18 effectively bear their parental responsibilities.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we stand with and pray for abortion-vulnerable
20 women and the fathers of preborn children to eliminate any perceived need for the horror of
21 abortion and to oppose Planned Parenthood and other predatory organizations or institutions
22 who exploit vulnerable women for profit.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
24 of Louisiana does hereby recognize the month of June as Sanctity of Preborn Life Month in
25 Louisiana in celebration of the Supreme Court's historic ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson*
26 *Women's Health Organization*.

DIGEST

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