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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Living beings possess identifiable properties
2 through which "life," as given by God, can be defined, including a
3 complex organization, a metabolism, a responsiveness to stimuli,
4 and an ability to grow and adapt to the environment; and

5 WHEREAS, All men are endowed by their Creator with certain
6 unalienable rights; the development of a human life is set in motion
7 from the moment of fertilization, when genetic information is
8 gathered inside a cell; and

9 WHEREAS, In both the Penal Code and the Civil Practice and
10 Remedies Code, state law already provides protection for "an unborn
11 child at every stage of gestation from fertilization until birth";
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Protecting the lives of individuals as willed by
14 their Creator is an important responsibility of government, and the
15 policy of this state is to protect life at every stage, including
16 from fertilization to birth; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
18 hereby formally express its position that the life of an individual
19 begins at conception.