A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to life
of unborn children and prohibiting abortion to the fullest extent
possible and to be known as the "Life at Conception provision of the
Texas Constitution's Bill of Rights".

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 19, Article I, Texas Constitution, is
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 19. DEPRIVATION OF LIFE, LIBERTY, ETC.; DUE COURSE OF
LAW. (a) No citizen of this State shall be deprived of life,
liberty, property, privileges or immunities, or in any manner
disfranchised, except by the due course of the law of the land.

(b) The term "citizen of this State" includes each member
of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the
moment of fertilization, or other moment at which an individual
member of the human species comes into being.

(c) The right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is
vested in each human being, born and unborn. Nothing in this Article
shall be construed to require the prosecution of any woman for the
death of her unborn child, a prohibition on in vitro fertilization,
or a prohibition on use of birth control or another means of
preventing fertilization.

(d) To the fullest extent possible, abortion is prohibited
in this State.

(e) Subsections (c) or (d) do not prohibit a person from
receiving an abortion if:

(1) the case is a medical emergency as defined by Section 171.002, Health and Safety Code; or

(2) the pregnancy was induced by cause or product of rape or incest.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2017. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the following proposition: "The constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to life from the moment of conception and, to the fullest extent possible, prohibiting abortion."