

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6040

A RESOLUTION naming October 15, 2004, and subsequent yearly anniversaries as pregnancy and infant loss remembrance day.

WHEREAS, According to a 1996 study by the Centers of Disease Control, over six million pregnancies ended in either a miscarriage or stillbirth, which is almost one million perinatal losses; and

WHEREAS, Of those over six million pregnancies, 3,720,000 ended in live births, and 26,784 of those births ended in infant deaths from 11 months and younger. The above statistics do not reflect the 22% of infants that are lost to abortions; and

WHEREAS, The availability of information and support is of the utmost importance to the families who suffer from pregnancy and infant loss to better help them cope; and

WHEREAS, A public that is informed and educated about pregnancy and infant loss can better learn how to respond with compassion to affected families; and

WHEREAS, Professionals who come in contact with families who have suffered pregnancy or infant loss, such as physicians, clergy, emergency medical technicians, funeral directors, police officers, public health nurses and employers can better serve families if they have special training and better knowledge of pregnancy and infant loss; and

WHEREAS, If a Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day is created to recognize the grief of the families and to remember all of the pregnancies and infants lost it will help to heal and comfort the families in a time of pain and heartache, and give the families hope for the future: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That October 15, 2004, and subsequent yearly anniversaries, be named as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day to recognize the grief of the families and to remember all of the pregnancies and infants lost, to help to heal and comfort the families in a time of pain and heartache, and to give the families hope for the future.

House Resolution No. 6040 was sponsored by Representative L. Candy Ruff.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*