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9 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 NAMING OCTOBER 15, 2003, AS PREGNANCY AND INFANT
11 LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY.

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY.

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18 WHEREAS, according to a 1996 study by the Centers of Disease Control,
19 sixteen percent (16%) of over six million (6,000,000) pregnancies ended in
20 either a miscarriage or stillbirth, which is almost one million (1,000,000)
21 perinatal losses; and

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23 WHEREAS, of those over six million (6,000,000) pregnancies, sixty-two
24 percent (62%), or three million seven hundred twenty thousand (3,720,000)
25 ended in live births, and twenty six thousand seven hundred eighty four
26 (26,784) of those births ended in infant deaths from eleven (11) months and
27 younger; and

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29 WHEREAS, the above statistics do not reflect the twenty two percent
30 (22%) of infants that are lost to abortions; and

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

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36 WHEREAS, a public that is informed and educated about pregnancy and



1 infant loss can better learn how to respond with compassion to affected
2 families; and

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

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10 WHEREAS, if a Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day is created to
11 recognize the grief of the families and to remember all of the pregnancies
12 and infants lost will help to heal and comfort the families in a time of pain
13 and heartache, and give the families hope for the future,

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15 NOW THEREFORE,
16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
17 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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19 That October 15, 2003, and subsequent yearly anniversaries, be named as
20 Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day to recognize the grief of the
21 families and to remember all of the pregnancies and infants lost, to help to
22 heal and comfort the families in a time of pain and heartache, and to give
23 the families hope for the future.

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