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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005—06 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 3

Introduced by Assembly ~~Member~~ Members Cohn and Karnette
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Evans, Goldberg, Hancock, Jones, Lieber, Matthews, Negrete
McLeod, Oropeza, Pavley, Ridley Thomas, Umberg, and Wolk)
(Coauthors: Senators Bowen, Escutia, Figueroa, Kehoe, Kuehl,
Migden, Ortiz, and Speier)

December 6, 2004

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 3— Relative to the 32nd anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 3, as amended, Cohn. Reproductive rights: Roe v. Wade.

This measure would memorialize the Congress and the President of the United States to protect and uphold the intent and substance of the United States Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade, relating to reproductive rights, ~~and to encourage all Americans to participate in the national celebration, "The March for Women's Lives," in recognition of that decision's historic importance in promoting women's rights.~~

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, January 22, 2005, is the 32nd anniversary of the
2 historic United States Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade
3 (1973) 410 U.S. 113, guaranteeing ~~women~~ *women's* reproductive
4 rights, an occasion deserving of celebration and special public
5 commendations; and

1 WHEREAS, The 1973 decision in *Roe v. Wade* established
2 constitutionally based limits on the power of states to restrict the
3 right of a woman to choose to terminate a pregnancy; and

4 WHEREAS, *Roe v. Wade* is one of the most significant
5 Supreme Court decisions in the 20th century promoting women's
6 rights; and

7 WHEREAS, Reproductive rights are central to the ability of
8 women to exercise their full rights under federal and state law;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, It is the right of every American woman to
11 determine when, if, and with whom to have children, and how
12 many children to have; and

13 WHEREAS, Women's ability to control their reproductive
14 lives has facilitated their equal participation in the economic and
15 social life of the nation; and

16 WHEREAS, The state should not interfere with a woman's
17 decision to either bear a child or terminate a pregnancy through a
18 safe and legal abortion; and

19 WHEREAS, Women should not be forced into illegal and
20 dangerous abortions, as they often were prior to the *Roe v. Wade*
21 decision; and

22 WHEREAS, During the first half of the 20th century, illegal
23 abortions accounted for about 50 percent of all maternal deaths;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, *Roe v. Wade* has ~~reduced~~ significantly
26 significantly reduced the mortality rate for women terminating
27 their pregnancies; and

28 WHEREAS, *Roe v. Wade* continues to protect the health and
29 freedom of women throughout the United States; now, therefore,
30 be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
32 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature of the State of California
33 memorializes the Congress and the President of the United States
34 ~~to do all of the following:~~

35 ~~(1) To protect and uphold the intent and substance of the 1973~~
36 ~~United States Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade*.~~

37 ~~(2) Encourage all Americans to participate in the national~~
38 ~~celebration, "The March for Women's Lives," on April 25, 2005,~~
39 ~~to take place in Washington, D.C., in recognition of the *Roe v.*~~
40 ~~*Wade* decision's historic importance in promoting women's~~

1 ~~rights; and be it further~~ *to protect and uphold the intent and*
2 *substance of the 1973 United States Supreme Court decision in*
3 *Roe v. Wade; and be it further*
4 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit*
5 *copies of this resolution to the President of the United States and*
6 *to all Members of the Congress of the United States.*

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