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Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 3

Introduced by Assembly Members Cohn and Karnette

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bass, Berg, Chan, Chavez, Chu, Evans, Goldberg, Hancock, Jones, Lieber, Matthews, Negrete McLeod, Oropeza, Pavley, Ridley-Thomas, Umberg, ~~and~~ Wolk, Baca, Bermudez, Canciamillia, Coto, De La Torre, Dymally, Frommer, Gordon, Jerome Horton, Klehs, Koretz, Laird, Leno, Levine, Liu, Mullin, Nation, Nava, Nunez, Parra, Richman, Ruskin, Saldana, Salinas, Vargas, and Yee)

(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.

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's reproductive rights,

1 an occasion deserving of celebration and special public
2 commendations; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
33 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature of the State of California
34 memorializes the Congress and the President of the United States
35 to protect and uphold the intent and substance of the 1973
36 United States Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade*; and be it
37 further

1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit
2 copies of this resolution to the President of the United States and
3 to all Members of the Congress of the United States.

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