

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 635

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A RESOLUTION to designate January 22, 2018, as the "Day of Hope and Healing" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the values and freedoms we cherish as Americans rest on our fundamental commitment to the sanctity of human life; and

WHEREAS, January 22, 2018, marks the thirty-fifth anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision that struck down state anti-abortion laws [*Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973)]; and

WHEREAS, on this day, it is most appropriate that we recognize that each life has inherent dignity and value and reaffirm our determination to defending the weakest and most vulnerable members of society; and

WHEREAS, we should also support the culture of life in our State and nation and work for the day when every child is welcomed in life and protected by law; and

WHEREAS, hope and healing are essential to unifying our society; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that to underscore our commitment to respecting and protecting the life and dignity of every human being, January 22, 2018, is designated the "Day of Hope and Healing" in Tennessee for those affected by abortion and the *Roe V. Wade* decision.