

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 138

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A RESOLUTION to support the health of unborn children.

WHEREAS, intrauterine prenatal surgery has been a medical breakthrough for multiple birth defects and conditions; and

WHEREAS, fetal surgery has been used to remove tumors, repair holes in the diaphragm and lungs, and correct obstructed bladders; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt performs in utero surgery for babies with spina bifida; and

WHEREAS, a landmark study, co-led by experts at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, proves that babies who have surgery to repair spina bifida while still in the womb have better outcomes than babies who have surgery after birth; and

WHEREAS, fetal surgery is a relatively new field of medicine that is quickly evolving and providing possibilities for surgeons to perform prenatal operations that can prevent the death of a fetus or improve the quality of life for babies with certain birth defects; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we support continued medical advancement to protect babies in the womb.