117TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. RES. 722

Supporting the designation of October 15, 2021, as "National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day" and recognizing the people who have lost a pregnancy or an infant.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 15, 2021

Mr. Schneider (for himself, Mr. Gonzalez of Ohio, Ms. Roybal-Allard, Ms. Herrera Beutler, and Mr. Hill) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

RESOLUTION

- Supporting the designation of October 15, 2021, as "National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day" and recognizing the people who have lost a pregnancy or an infant.
- Whereas 2021 marks the 15th nationally recognized "Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day";
- Whereas each year, approximately 1,000,000 pregnancies in the United States end in miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of a newborn;
- Whereas pregnancy and infant loss can affect families long after the loss;
- Whereas loss of an infant or a pregnancy can negatively affect a person's mental health;

- Whereas families would benefit from bereavement leave from work to take care of themselves and their families;
- Whereas people who have experienced pregnancy loss or infant loss should not have their experiences minimized or stigmatized;
- Whereas Congress should acknowledge the personal experiences of individuals who have lost a pregnancy or infant and empower those individuals to speak about their losses;
- Whereas recognizing "Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day" is an opportunity to increase awareness, promote research and greater understanding, and provide community to individuals who have experienced pregnancy loss or infant loss; and
- Whereas "Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day" allows the people of the United States to consider how we can best support families who experience, or work to prevent, pregnancy or infant loss: Now, therefore, be it
 - 1 Resolved, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of "National
- 3 Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day";
- 4 (2) understands the importance of honoring
- 5 these losses and supporting affected people and their
- 6 families; and
- 7 (3) requests that the President issue a procla-
- 8 mation calling upon the people of the United States

- 1 to observe such day with appropriate programs and
- 2 activities.

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