

House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
 urging Congress to adopt the provisions of the PRO-
 LIFE Act of 2022 into law.

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2022, Congressman Dean Phillips
 introduced H.R. 8862 to the 117th Congress, also known as the
 "Providing Real Opportunities and Lifelong Investments For
 Everyone Act of 2022" or the "PRO-LIFE Act of 2022," which would
 establish new, and modify existing, programs related to maternal
 and child health, tax credits and benefits for parents and
 caregivers, and support for child care infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, in a 2022 analysis of states by the United Health
 Foundation, Florida ranked 45th for severe housing problems for
 women and children, 46th in access to adequate prenatal care,
 and 50th in access to preventive dental care for children, and

WHEREAS, in 2021, The Annie E. Casey Foundation ranked
 Florida 42nd in economic well-being and found that 18 percent of
 children in Florida lived in poverty and 29 percent of children
 in Florida had parents who lacked secure employment, and

WHEREAS, Florida TaxWatch estimates that child care-related
 absenteeism in the workplace costs Florida's economy more than
 \$271 million per year, and child care-related turnover in the
 workplace costs Florida's employers more than \$1.7 billion per
 year, and

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26 WHEREAS, the PRO-LIFE Act of 2022 did not pass before the
27 117th Congress adjourned and has not been reintroduced into the
28 118th Congress, NOW, THEREFORE,

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30 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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32 That the people of Florida would greatly benefit from the
33 adoption of the provisions of the PRO-LIFE Act of 2022, which
34 would improve the outcomes of our children, allow our families
35 to thrive, and benefit our economy by reducing the cost of child
36 care-related absenteeism and turnover. We urge the United States
37 Congress to pass these provisions as a reintroduced bill or as
38 part of other legislation.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State dispatch
40 copies of this memorial to the President of the United States,
41 the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
42 United States House of Representatives, and each member of the
43 Florida delegation to the United States Congress.