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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE FETUS AS A HUMAN LIFE UPON THE EXISTENCE OF A
HEARTBEAT

Introduced By: Representatives McLaughlin, Corvese, Malik, Azzinaro, and Casey

Date Introduced: January 21, 2015

Referred To: House Judiciary

1 WHEREAS, There exists a continuing debate in this nation and state as to abortion and
2 ascertaining the moment that human life begins; and

3 WHEREAS, Upon fertilization, an egg becomes a zygote. Shortly thereafter, the zygote
4 splits into two cells, and is called a two-celled embryo. When it splits into four cells, it is called a
5 four-celled embryo, etc.; and

6 WHEREAS, If an embryo is then nourished and protected, it will proceed, uninterrupted,
7 through the developmental stages from embryo to fetus; and

8 WHEREAS, There is sound scientific evidence that the heart of a fetus begins beating at
9 about the eighteenth day of fetal development and that this heartbeat indicates and is recognized
10 as the existence of life; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, advances in medical care have greatly improved the chances for
12 survival of fetuses born preterm; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
14 Providence Plantations hereby recognizes that the existence of a fetal heartbeat is evidence of the
15 existence of human life and that advancements in the field of prenatal care are dramatically
16 improving survival for babies born preterm.

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