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HOUSE RESOLUTION **6**

A RESOLUTION commemorating the 40th anniversary of the *Roe v Wade* Supreme Court decision and affirming support for its holding and principles.

SPONSORS: Rep. Bouchard, Merr 18; Rep. Wall, Straf 6; Rep. Rosenwald, Hills 30;
Rep. Harding, Graf 13; Rep. Lockwood, Merr 9; Rep. Theberge, Coos 3;
Rep. Kidder, Merr 5; Rep. Sad, Ches 1

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

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1 Whereas, on January 22, 1973, the United States Supreme Court decision in the case of *Roe v*
2 *Wade*, 410 U.S. 113, 1973, confirmed that the Constitution protects every woman's ability to make
3 her own personal medical decisions, without the interference of politicians; and

4 Whereas, the decision in *Roe v Wade* ensures that abortion remains a safe and legal procedure
5 for a woman to consider, if and when she needs it; and

6 Whereas, it is a public health goal of the state of New Hampshire to enhance the health of all
7 citizens, including women of reproductive age, and to strengthen individuals and families by
8 encouraging and promoting access to comprehensive family planning services, and pregnancies
9 which are planned and healthy; and

10 Whereas, the state of New Hampshire believes that abortion is a deeply personal and often
11 complex decision for a woman and therefore believes that decisions about whether to choose
12 adoption, end a pregnancy, or raise a child must be left to a woman, her family, and her faith, with
13 the counsel of her doctor or health care provider; and

14 Whereas, a majority of New Hampshire citizens support access to safe and legal abortion and
15 oppose efforts to overturn or weaken the principles of *Roe v Wade*; and

16 Whereas, the 2012 elections sent a powerful and unmistakable message to federal and state
17 elected officials all around the country that women do not want politicians to interfere in their
18 personal medical decisions; and

19 Whereas, violence against health care providers and restrictions on access to abortion endanger
20 the lives of women and families and have continued to erode access to abortion; and

21 Whereas, the state of New Hampshire, through its state legislature, is committed to preserve the
22 rights protected in *Roe v. Wade*, and urges the United States Congress to do the same; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 Resolved by the House of Representatives:

25 That on the 40th anniversary of *Roe v Wade*, the New Hampshire house of representatives hereby
26 recognizes the critical importance of continued access to safe and legal abortion; and

27 That copies of this resolution be sent by the house clerk to the Speaker of the United States
28 House of Representatives and the members of the New Hampshire congressional delegation.