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# HR 2001

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Representatives Blackman: Bolick

## A RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR PROTECTING THE LIVES OF UNBORN AFRICAN-AMERICAN BABIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1           Whereas, since the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision by the United States  
2 Supreme Court, more than 54 million babies have been aborted in Planned  
3 Parenthood centers around the nation, having drastic personal, practical  
4 and political effects on communities and citizens. Every town, city,  
5 ethnicity and age group has suffered from the tragic effects of this  
6 mostly surgical and sometimes medical procedure. The true toll of abortion  
7 may remain unknown and immeasurable because the data, for the most part,  
8 has not been collected or has been ignored by those responsible for its  
9 collection; and

10           Whereas, abortion impacts African Americans at a higher rate than  
11 any other population group, and more African-American babies are aborted  
12 than born alive. In 2011, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
13 (CDC) released an Abortion Surveillance Report stating that, although  
14 African-American women make up 14 percent of the childbearing population,  
15 these women obtained 36 percent of all abortions. At a ratio of 474  
16 abortions per 1,000 live births, African-American women have the highest  
17 ratio of any group in the country; and

18           Whereas, this alarming number equates to more than 1,300  
19 African-American babies aborted every day in America. Of the more than 44  
20 million abortions performed since the 1973 Supreme Court ruling, 19  
21 million African-American babies have been aborted, yet African Americans  
22 comprise just under 13 percent of the United States population; and

23           Whereas, the impacts of abortion on African-American communities are  
24 hard to fathom. According to the Guttmacher Institute, which generally  
25 supports abortion, 360,000 African-American babies were aborted in 2011.  
26 CDC statistics for 2011 show that 287,072 African Americans died from all  
27 other causes, excluding abortion, making abortion the leading cause of  
28 death among African Americans. African-American women and community  
29 leaders should be outraged about the racial disparity when  
30 African-American women are targeted by Planned Parenthood.

31 Therefore

32 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona:

33           That the Members of the House of Representatives recognize abortion  
34 as the leading cause of death among African Americans and express their  
35 sentiment that unborn African-American babies conceived by legal citizens  
36 of the United States are protected under the United States Constitution  
37 guaranteeing equal rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness  
38 for all Americans.