

Resolution in support of enacting further protection for infants
born alive during abortions

Whereas, the 2002 Born-Alive Infants Protection Act defined the born- alive infant to include an infant who has survived an induced abortion at any gestational age and granted that infant have the same status under US law as a person, human being, child, or individual and

Whereas, in the years since the law was enacted the nation has witnessed horrific disregard of the rights of the born-alive, and heard testimony of abortion survivors and of nurses who have witnessed abortions in which viable infants were left to die and

Whereas, the State of New York this year enacted legislation that makes 3rd trimester abortion available on the basis of protection of a woman's general health, where health is undefined and

Whereas, a woman's health is defined in the Supreme Court decision in Doe v. Bolton, 1973 as including all factors- physical, psychological, financial, familial and age, for all practical purposes allowing 3rd trimester abortion for any reason, including the abortion of healthy unborn infants who could survive outside the womb with doctor's care, and

Whereas, other state legislatures, including Rhode Island, Vermont, and New Mexico are considering similar expansions of their abortion rights laws and the Governor of Virginia supported Infanticide in his public remarks on a proposed bill in Virginia, and

Whereas, the potential for live births during abortion increases with gestational age and these new proposed state laws remove legal barriers to 3rd trimester abortions, and

Whereas, US. Rep. Ann Wagner (R-MO) introduced the Born Alive Survivors Protection Act, H.R. 962 which mandates the same medical care for the born-alive infant as for any other infant born at the same gestational age along with transportation and admission to a hospital after initial lifesaving care and, importantly, specific criminal penalties for the willful neglect or killing of the born-alive infant in violation of the requirements of this Act, and

Whereas, Republicans in Congress, having sought unanimous consent 25 times to discharge this proposed legislation from the House Committee on Judiciary only to be blocked each time by Democrat Leadership have now introduced a Discharge Petition, REQUIRING the signatures of 21 Democrats, to reach the necessary majority to force a floor vote on this measure, and

Whereas, the protection of vulnerable newborn infants, whether wanted or unwanted, should not be controversial or a partisan issue, but rather a basic humanitarian issue and Infanticide should never be condoned in our county,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Beaufort County Republican Party urgently requests our Representative in Congress for the 1st District, the Honorable Joe Cunningham, to support the legislation and Sign the Discharge Petition for H.R. 962 so that it may be debated and receive a timely vote.