

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1013

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A Resolution commending the United States Congress and the President for their efforts on behalf of Terri Schiavo; urging the U.S. Federal Court to hear the Schiavo case anew; encouraging Congress to pursue any necessary means to protect the life of Terri Schiavo; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Founding Fathers affirmed in the Declaration of Independence that government's role is to protect and defend the inalienable right to life with which we are endowed by our Creator; and

WHEREAS, activist judges across the United States have abused the powers accorded them by, respectively, the U.S. Constitution, the Congress, and the various state constitutions; and

WHEREAS, Florida's Judge Greer has misconstrued the founding principles of the Declaration of Independence, cheapened the value of human life, and set a dangerous legal precedent wherein government is allowed to place an arbitrary value on human life; and

WHEREAS, in its findings, the court ruled without sufficient evidence that Terri Schiavo is in a persistent vegetative state (PVS); and

WHEREAS, advocates of the forced starvation of Terri Schiavo have endorsed the notion that human life has value in proportion to the degree of burden that the support of that life may place on others; and

WHEREAS, convicted murderers and terrorists are accorded more due process rights and privileges than have been granted to Terri Schiavo; and

WHEREAS, certain elected and appointed officials across the United States continue to try to move our culture from a sanctity-of-life ethic to a "quality-of-life" standard in seeking to justify passive and active euthanasia; and

WHEREAS, a culture of life is essential to the protection of liberty and freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1st SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives commend the United States Congress and the President for their actions to protect the life of Terri Schiavo; we urge U.S. District Judge James Whittemore both to order an immediate injunction to reinsert Schiavo's feeding tube and to hear Schiavo's case anew; and we implore the U.S. Congress to seek whatever additional remedies are at their disposal to protect and defend Schiavo's life and the culture of life in the United States.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the President of the United States, U.S. District Judge James Whittemore, and members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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