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3 **Title: Stillbirth Awareness**  
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee E**  
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11 **House Action: Adopted as Amended**  
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14 **Whereas, on June 25, 2009, the state of Michigan House of**  
15 **Representatives approved House Resolution 102 encouraging Congress to**  
16 **increase the awareness and research of stillbirths across America sponsored**  
17 **by state Rep. Kevin Green and his wife who lost their first daughter, Skylar**  
18 **Anne, to stillbirth in 2007, and**  
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20 **Whereas, H.R. 102 encourages Congress to enact H.R. 521, the Stillbirth**  
21 **Awareness and Research Act of 2009, that promotes stillbirth research by**  
22 **standardizing the definition of stillbirth and creating a national repository for**  
23 **stillbirth data and authorizes a campaign to increase public awareness of the**  
24 **risk for stillbirth and encourages the director of the National Institutes of**  
25 **Health to allocate more resources to stillbirth research ([http://www.gophouse.com / readarticle.asp?id=5773&District=77](http://www.gophouse.com/readarticle.asp?id=5773&District=77)), and**  
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28 **Whereas, the World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that among**  
29 **births of babies weighing over 1000 grams, more than 3.2 million stillbirths**  
30 **occur each year worldwide 98 percent happening in developing countries, and**  
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32 **Whereas, countries have different definitions of stillbirth, but the WHO**  
33 **defines a stillbirth as the birth of a deceased baby weighing more than 500**  
34 **grams, or after 22 weeks of pregnancy, and**  
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36 **Whereas, no numbers of the total number of stillbirths globally exist,**  
37 **and**  
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39 **Whereas, in developed countries, one in 100-200 babies born are**  
40 **stillborn and as many as one of every 30 babies are stillborn in developing**  
41 **countries, and**  
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43 **Whereas, the International Stillbirth Alliance (ISA) reports that many of**  
44 **these deaths are avoidable. (<http://www.stillbirthalliance.org/modules.php?name=Content&pa=showpage&pid=2>), and**  
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46           Whereas, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
47 reports that stillbirth is more common than many physicians realize with each  
48 year about 25,000 babies stillborn in the U.S. each year, and

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50           Whereas, that is almost 10 times as many deaths as occur from Sudden  
51 Infant Death Syndrome equating for about one stillbirth for every 100-200 live  
52 births (<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/bd/stillbirths.html>), and

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54           Whereas, many countries around the world have increased the  
55 awareness of stillbirth by providing information to soon-to-be-parents  
56 addressing the potential of a stillbirth and what parents can do to avoid having  
57 a stillborn child, and

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59           Whereas, by implementing such measures, these countries have seen  
60 significant decreases in the amount of stillbirths (Tveit, et al. Reduction of late  
61 stillbirth with the introduction of fetal movement information and guidelines –  
62 a clinical quality improvement. N.p.: BioMed Central Ltd, 2009. 1-19. Grand  
63 Valley State University. Web. 16 Mar. 2010), and

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65           Whereas, MSMS sponsors an annual Conference on Maternal &  
66 Perinatal Health that is organized by a multidisciplinary planning committee  
67 including members from obstetrics, family practice, neonatology, maternal  
68 fetal medicine, and pediatrics with a goal to provide timely, innovative topics  
69 and information important to maternal, perinatal, and neonatal medicine  
70 ([http://www.msms.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Education\\_Conferences&Te  
71 mplate=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=11835](http://www.msms.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Education_Conferences&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=11835)); therefore be it

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73           **RESOLVED:** That MSMS encourage the next annual Conference on  
74 Maternal & Perinatal Health Committee to include a speaker, poster  
75 presentation, or other informational material on stillbirth to increase  
76 awareness among Michigan health care providers of this tragic pregnancy  
77 complication; and be it further

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79           **RESOLVED:** That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to  
80 encourage Congress to enact H.R. 521 the Stillbirth Awareness and Research  
81 Act of 2009, which is a federal resolution that promotes stillbirth research by  
82 standardizing the definition of stillbirth and creating a national repository for  
83 stillbirth data, authorizes a campaign to increase public awareness of the risk  
84 for stillbirth, and encourages the director of the National Institutes of Health to  
85 allocate more resources to stillbirth research.

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88           **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**