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To provide that human life shall be deemed to begin with fertilization.

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Mr. BROUN of Georgia (for himself, Mr. AKIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. CARTER, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. COLE, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. FORBES, Ms. FOXX, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. JONES, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. KLINE, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LATTA, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. OLSON, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. SCHOCK, Mr. TERRY, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. HERGER, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. LONG, Mr. PEARCE, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. HUELSKAMP, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. ROKITA, and Mr. WITTMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Sanctity of Human
3 Life Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DECLARATION.**

5 In the exercise of the powers of the Congress, includ-
6 ing Congress’ power under article I, section 8 of the Con-
7 stitution, to make necessary and proper laws, and Con-
8 gress’ power under section 5 of the 14th article of amend-
9 ment to the Constitution of the United States—

10 (1) the Congress declares that—

11 (A) the right to life guaranteed by the
12 Constitution is vested in each human being, and
13 is the paramount and most fundamental right
14 of a person; and

15 (B) the life of each human being begins
16 with fertilization, cloning, or its functional
17 equivalent, irrespective of sex, health, function
18 or disability, defect, stage of biological develop-
19 ment, or condition of dependency, at which time
20 every human being shall have all the legal and
21 constitutional attributes and privileges of
22 personhood; and

23 (2) the Congress affirms that the Congress,
24 each State, the District of Columbia, and all United
25 States territories have the authority to protect the

1 lives of all human beings residing in its respective
2 jurisdictions.

3 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

4 For purposes of this Act:

5 (1) FERTILIZATION.—The term “fertilization”
6 means the process of a human spermatozoan pene-
7 trating the cell membrane of a human oocyte to cre-
8 ate a human zygote, a one-celled human embryo,
9 which is a new unique human being.

10 (2) CLONING.—The term “cloning” means the
11 process called somatic cell nuclear transfer, that
12 combines an enucleated egg and the nucleus of a so-
13 matic cell to make a human embryo.

14 (3) HUMAN; HUMAN BEING.—The terms
15 “human” and “human being” include each and
16 every member of the species homo sapiens at all
17 stages of life, beginning with the earliest stage of de-
18 velopment, created by the process of fertilization,
19 cloning, or its functional equivalent.

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