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HOUSE RESOLUTION 866

Sponsors: Representatives Martin, Jones, and Schaffer (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Health and Human Services.

April 15, 2013

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AWARENESS OF A DISORDER KNOWN AS
2 PRETERM PREMATURE RUPTURE OF MEMBRANES.

3 Whereas, a little known condition identified as Preterm Premature Rupture of
4 Membranes, or pPROM, affects fewer than 3% of pregnant women; and

5 Whereas, pPROM occurs when the membrane sac which holds the baby and the
6 amniotic fluid breaks before the onset of labor and prior to 37 weeks of gestation; and

7 Whereas, the chances for survival when pPROM occurs are greater for babies born
8 closer to maturity; and

9 Whereas, once the membrane ruptures, a woman typically delivers her baby within
10 one week; and

11 Whereas, pPROM often occurs in pregnancies with no known risk factors, with no
12 apparent cause, and often leads to the death of the newborn; and

13 Whereas, in cases where women are being treated for pPROM, parents may have to
14 make the difficult decision of whether to have the mother take medication to postpone delivery
15 of the baby, deliver the baby prematurely resulting in possible risks to the baby, or, in some
16 cases, terminate the pregnancy; and

17 Whereas, a baby's life is precious, and parents deserve to have accurate information
18 when faced with these difficult decisions regarding their babies; and

19 Whereas, many parents in North Carolina have been affected by pPROM, including
20 Caroline and Stephen Combs of Wilson, who lost their son, Conner, in 2012; and

21 Whereas, it is important that individuals, agencies, and organizations join together
22 in promoting awareness of pPROM in working to prevent and diagnose the condition through
23 increased research and to help decrease occurrences and save lives; and

24 Whereas, in 2012, Governor Beverly Perdue issued a proclamation recognizing June
25 1-2 as pPROM Awareness Day; Now, therefore,

26 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

27 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives extends its sympathy to the parents
28 who have lost newborns as a result of Preterm Premature Rupture of Membranes (pPROM).
29 The House of Representatives further joins those affected by pPROM in observing June 1-2,
30 2013, as pPROM Awareness Day.

31 **SECTION 2.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.

