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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would designate the 22nd day of  
9 January of each year as the Day of Tears, in  
10 recognition of the day that the United States  
11 Supreme Court ruled that access to abortion was a  
12 right secured by the Constitution.

14 A BILL  
15 TO BE ENTITLED  
16 AN ACT

18 Relating to state designations; to designate the  
19 22nd day of January of each year as the Day of Tears.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

21 Section 1. (a) The Legislature hereby finds and  
22 declares all of the following:

23 (1) On January 22, 1973, a majority of the members  
24 of the United States Supreme Court ruled that access to  
25 abortion was a right secured by the Constitution.

1                   (2) Since that fateful day, over 61 million unborn  
2 children have perished, amounting to an entire third of  
3 Generations X through Alpha.

4                   (3) As inscribed into the constitution of this state  
5 by Amendment 930 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now  
6 appearing as Section 36.06 of the Official Recompilation of  
7 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, it is the  
8 public policy of this state to recognize and support the  
9 sanctity of unborn life and the rights of unborn children,  
10 most importantly the right to life in all manners and measures  
11 appropriate and lawful; and that the constitution of this  
12 state does not protect the right to abortion or require the  
13 funding of abortion.

14                   (b) The 22nd day of January of each year is  
15 designated as the Day of Tears in this state, and the offices  
16 of all state, county, and local governments shall lower their  
17 national and state flags to half-staff to mourn the innocents  
18 who have lost their lives to abortion. Residents of Alabama  
19 are encouraged to similarly lower their flags to half-staff.

20                   Section 2. This act shall become effective  
21 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
22 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.