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**RESOLUTION: HENRIETTA LACKS BODILY INTEGRITY BILL TO BE TAKEN UP  
BY THE U. S. CONGRESS**

**WHEREAS**, scientific research is vital for the continued promotion of the health and improvements in well-being for mankind, and

**WHEREAS**, this research often involves human beings who may not appreciate the gravity of this research as it impacts their donation of body parts, bodily fluids and other elements of their being and

**WHEREAS**, Planned Parenthood in harvesting from terminated fetuses, fetal organs and cells for research and potential future use possibly obtained without full knowledge of the monetary compensation being received without disclosure of profit which should be shared by those affected; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Henrietta Lacks had her malignant cervical cells removed in 1951 without her consent or that of her family, over sixty years ago, while a patient at the Johns Hopkins University Hospital where they were found unique among human cells in being able to be reproduced in a petri dish thereby being termed "Immortal HeLa Cells";

These cells were distributed worldwide without the knowledge and consent of this family, antedate in their collection any US research rules subsequently developed to protect the identity of the donor but not their use for profit; used to launch a multi-billion dollar industry estimated worth more than \$300 billion including decoding of the human genome, vaccines such as polio, testing of medicines as well as other possibilities;

**THEREFORE, BE IT:**

**RESOLVED**, that human life should be protected from malfeasance, unjust termination or other interventions which shorten its vitality and production without clear informed consent on the part of responsible parties and that non-related scientifically engaged parties involved in such should not profit from such deeds; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that anyone whose body, organs and/or tissues, cells or fluids are extracted or used for research or profit must show evidence that informed consent was given

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In view of its allegations and disclosures of unscrupulous actions involving the disposition of products of conception and fetuses which it terminates, it is also the recommendation of this body that Planned Parenthood, which is a private organization, should be ineligible to receive further federal funding.