Constitutional Amendment to Ban Abortions Goal

Robert E. Winn, New Orleans attorney and president of the Louisiana Right to Life Association, was directed by the confederation to draft for presentation to the Legislature appropriate bills to curb abortions until the Supreme Court ruling is reversed.

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Full text of the resolution follows:

"Whereas, the United States Supreme Court on January 22, 1973, nullified the laws of the various states including Louisiana regarding abortion and interpreted the United States Constitution in a way which allows the destruction of unborn human life; and...

"Whereas, the sweeping judgment of the United States Supreme Court in the Texas and Georgia abortion cases is a flagrant rejection of the unborn child's right to life through the full nine month gestation period;" the resolution says.

"The Congress of the United States is hereby urged and requested to adopt a constitutional amendment that will guarantee the explicit protection of all unborn human life throughout its development subordinate only to saving the life of the mother," the resolution says.

Governor James E. Fitzmorris was principal speaker at the "Confederation for Life" workshop which was sponsored by the Louisiana Right to Life Association.

NOT RELIGIOUS

Fitzmorris said "abortion is not a sectarian religious issue but a moral issue in which people of all faiths must stand shoulder to shoulder in reversing the tide of legalized murder which will result from the Supreme Court decision."

Clergymen and laity of many faiths took part in the workshop along with legislators, attorneys and doctors from across the state. Dr. Paul Robert, dean of the LSU School of Law, and Dr. Edgar Hull, dean of the LSU School of Medicine at Shreveport, also participated in the workshop.

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