

**[HOUSE/SENATE] RESOLUTION NO. [ ] 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**SPONSORED BY:** [Name of Representative/Senator]

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## **A RESOLUTION**

**ENTITLED:** A RESOLUTION establishing a zero-tolerance framework, mandating absolute legislative accountability, and actively challenging constitutional barriers to secure ultimate justice for crimes against children.

**WHEREAS**, the catastrophic harm caused by the sexual abuse and extreme intentional abuse of children demands an uncompromising, absolute, and unyielding legislative response from this body; and

**WHEREAS**, a child cannot give meaningful, informed consent to sexual activity with an adult—a biological and psychological reality explicitly recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—rendering any such act an absolute violation of the innocent; and

**WHEREAS**, the trauma of child sexual abuse extends far beyond the immediate assault, with major systematic reviews and federal child-welfare guidance linking childhood trauma to long-term post-traumatic stress, severe depression, substance misuse, and permanent, irreparable alterations in brain development; and

**WHEREAS**, objective federal data underscores the systemic nature of this crisis—with the U.S. Sentencing Commission reporting that 93.6% of federal sexual-abuse offenders in Fiscal Year 2021 were male—cementing the urgent need for lawmakers, mothers, survivors, and citizens to demand systemic, targeted accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, in the state of [State], [Insert specific number/statistic] children were identified as victims of severe sexual abuse in [Year], proving this is not a distant theory, but a localized, ongoing crisis that demands immediate intervention rather than passive observation; and

**WHEREAS**, the current American justice system operates reactively, frequently demanding absolute justice only *after* a predator has claimed a subsequent victim, thereby failing in its most sacred duty to protect the innocent from known threats; and

**WHEREAS**, current U.S. Supreme Court jurisprudence—specifically *Kennedy v. Louisiana* (554 U.S. 407), which bars the death penalty for non-homicidal crimes against individuals, and *Roper v. Simmons* (543 U.S. 551), which bars it for juveniles—creates explicit constitutional barriers that currently prevent the immediate implementation of capital punishment for the most heinous child abusers; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED BY THE [STATE LEGISLATURE / UNITED STATES CONGRESS], That:**



**SECTION 1.** We formally and unequivocally reject the premise that a justice system should measure punishment solely by what an offender stands to lose, while ignoring the permanent destruction inflicted upon a child.

**SECTION 2.** We establish our foundational moral and legislative starting principle for heinous sexual crimes against children as:

**FIRST CONVICTION. DEATH PENALTY. NO SECOND VICTIM.**

**SECTION 3.** We direct the appropriate legislative committees, legal counsels, and constitutional scholars to immediately examine existing statutes, evidentiary standards, and Supreme Court doctrines. This body mandates the identification of precise statutory and constitutional pathways required to overturn or modify current impediments—including *Kennedy v. Louisiana*—to allow society's ultimate punishment for the most egregious predators. A formal report and drafted legislation shall be presented to this body no later than ninety (90) days from the adoption of this resolution.

**SECTION 4.** We establish that in the event the implementation of capital punishment for these offenses is temporarily enjoined, delayed, or struck down by appellate courts during the necessary constitutional challenges, the immediate, mandatory, and unalterable default sentence shall be **Life Without the Possibility of Parole (LWOP)**. This ensures the predator remains permanently removed from society while the legal battle is waged.

**SECTION 5.** We call upon lawmakers, governors, attorneys general, and prosecutors across the nation to cease waiting for victim number two, to confront these legal barriers head-on, and to answer a single guiding question that must never disappear beneath legal technicality:

**What does justice truly require for the child?**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Clerk of the [House/Senate] is hereby directed to prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Attorney General, and the local delegates of the [State/Federal] Legislature as a formal mandate for action.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage, the public welfare requiring it.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 20

**PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE [HOUSE/SENATE]**

**CLERK OF THE [HOUSE/SENATE]**

**CHIEF SPONSOR / END SILENCE REPRESENTATIVE**

