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Representative Paul Evans Statement on the 46th Anniversary of Roe V. Wade Introduces a Memorial to U.S Congress urging action to recognize reproductive health care as settled law and a fundamental right for all women.

SALEM—Today marks the 46th Anniversary of the Roe V. Wade decision by the United States Supreme Court. The ruling, decided by a 7-2 majority, determined the right to privacy for reproductive health services.

With the recent swing in ideology anticipated with the appointments of Justices Neil Gorsuch and Bret Kavanaugh, those seeking to constrain, limit, and/or outright overturn Roe V. Wade have mobilized across the country. This morning House Joint Memorial 5 was first read into the legislative record.

"I ask my colleagues to come together to send a clear message to Congress: ensure that the liberty of all women – the right to full-spectrum reproductive health services – be recognized as 'settled law.' While I cannot speak for all veterans, I for one, did not spend 20 years in uniform defending our rights abroad only to stand idly by as some seek to take them from women here in Oregon, and across America. Not on my watch, ever."

If passed, HJM 5 would send a letter to members of the United States Congress urging them to pass legislation recognizing that full spectrum of reproductive health care is settled law and is a fundamental right for all women.