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Assembly Resolution No. 1176

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MEMORIALIZING the United States Congress to pass and the President to sign the "Preventing Maternal Deaths Act of 2017" (H.R. 1318)

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize the United States Congress to pass and the President to sign the "Preventing Maternal Deaths Act of 2017" (H.R. 1318) to create maternal mortality review committees; and

WHEREAS, The United States is ranked 50th globally for its maternal mortality rate, and it is one of eight countries in which the maternal mortality rate has been on the rise; and

WHEREAS, The increase in the maternal mortality rate remains a source of great concern for health organizations, health care providers, and patient advocates; and

WHEREAS, Maternal deaths in the United States result from pregnancy-related causes such as hemorrhage, hypertensive disease and preeclampsia, embolic disease, sepsis, and substance use disorder and overdose, and violent causes such as motor vehicle accidents, homicide, and suicide; and

WHEREAS, The most severe complications of pregnancy, generally

referred to as severe maternal morbidity, affect more than 65,000 women in the United States every year; and

WHEREAS, A few States, including California, have worked to develop and strengthen maternal morbidity and mortality review systems and utilize data to reduce maternal deaths and injuries to address leading issues; and

WHEREAS, The enactment of H.R. 1318 would support States in their work to identify solutions to improve healthcare quality and health outcomes for mothers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress of the United States be and hereby is respectfully memorialized by this Legislative Body to pass and the President to sign the "Preventing Maternal Deaths Act of 2017" (H.R. 1318); and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the President of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each member of the Congress of the United States from the State of New York.