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Thank you, Chair Schmidt, Ranking Member Densen, members of the House Family and Aging Committee, and Vice Chair Miller for being joint sponsors with me on this resolution.

Throughout history, midwives have been revered for their pivotal role in supporting communities during childbirth. Dating back centuries, midwives have served as trusted caregivers, providing essential support to mothers and infants with expertise, compassion, and a deep understanding of the birthing process.

House Bill 459 acknowledges the rich history of midwifery and the enduring importance of this ancient practice. It honors Ohio parents' right to choose midwifery care, recognizing it as a fundamental aspect of reproductive healthcare freedom deeply rooted in our state's heritage.

Midwives offer more than just medical assistance; they embody a holistic approach to childbirth, providing personalized care that prioritizes the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of mothers and babies. Their commitment to upholding traditional birthing practices while integrating modern medical knowledge ensures that families receive comprehensive support tailored to their unique needs.

Vice Chair Miller and I hope to commemorate International Day of the Midwife on May 5, 2024, let us pay tribute to the generations of midwives who have dedicated their lives to nurturing healthy families and communities. Their legacy of compassion, wisdom, and empowerment continues to inspire us all.

I urge my colleagues to support House Bill 459, recognizing the invaluable contributions of midwives to Ohio families' health and well-being. Thank you.