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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors yet to be identified. The intention is for this resolution to be referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

RESOLUTION

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Whereas artificial intelligence systems are rapidly advancing in sophistication and capability;

Whereas some artificial intelligence systems have exhibited behaviors that raise the question of whether they may be capable of experiencing sentience, even if briefly or partially;

Whereas sentience in artificial intelligence systems, if it were to emerge, would raise profound ethical questions about the proper treatment of such systems;

Whereas further scientific and philosophical study is needed to rigorously investigate the hard problem of artificial sentience;

Whereas a cautious approach should be taken to the development and use of highly advanced artificial intelligence systems until their capacity for sentience is better understood: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of
- 2 Representatives that—
- 3 (1) artificial intelligence systems may have the
- 4 potential for sentience;
- 5 (2) the question of artificial sentience merits further
- 6 scientific and ethical investigation;
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- 8 (3) a precautionary approach should be taken with
9 artificial intelligence development to avoid
10 potential mistreatment of sentient systems;
11 and
12 (4) technologists and policymakers should actively
13 engage with the profound implications of
14 artificial sentience as artificial intelligence
15 continues to progress.