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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF PREGNANCY RESOURCE  
9 CENTERS IN ARKANSAS.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF PREGNANCY  
14 RESOURCE CENTERS IN ARKANSAS.

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17 WHEREAS, the life-affirming impact of pregnancy resource centers on the  
18 women, men, children, and communities they serve is considerable and growing;  
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21 WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers serve women in Arkansas and across  
22 the United States with integrity and compassion; and

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24 WHEREAS, more than 2,500 pregnancy resource centers across the United  
25 States provide comprehensive care to women and men facing unplanned  
26 pregnancies, including resources to meet their physical, psychological,  
27 emotional, and spiritual needs; and

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29 WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers offer women free, confidential, and  
30 compassionate services, including pregnancy tests, peer counseling, 24-hour  
31 telephone hotlines, childbirth and parenting classes, and referrals to  
32 community health care, and other support services; and

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34 WHEREAS, many medical pregnancy resource centers offer ultrasounds and  
35 other medical services; and

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1           WHEREAS, many pregnancy resource centers provide information on  
2 adoption and adoption referrals to pregnant women; and

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4           WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers encourage women to make positive  
5 life choices by equipping them with complete and accurate information  
6 regarding their pregnancy options and the development of their unborn  
7 children; and

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9           WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers provide women with compassionate  
10 and confidential peer counseling in a nonjudgmental manner regardless of  
11 their pregnancy outcomes; and

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13           WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers provide important support and  
14 resources for women who choose childbirth over abortion; and

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16           WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers ensure that women are receiving  
17 prenatal information and services that lead to the birth of healthy infants;  
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20           WHEREAS, many pregnancy resource centers provide grief assistance for  
21 women and men who regret the loss of their children from past choices they  
22 have made; and

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24           WHEREAS, many pregnancy resource centers work to prevent unplanned  
25 pregnancies by teaching effective abstinence education in public schools; and

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27           WHEREAS, both federal and state governments are increasingly  
28 recognizing the valuable services of pregnancy resource centers through the  
29 designation of public funds for such organizations; and

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31           WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers operate primarily through reliance  
32 on the voluntary donations and time of individuals who are committed to  
33 caring for the needs of women and promoting and protecting life,

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35 NOW THEREFORE,

36 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE

1 OF ARKANSAS:

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3 THAT the Senate:

4 (1) Strongly supports pregnancy resource centers in their  
5 unique, positive contributions to the individual lives of women, men, and  
6 babies – both born and unborn;

7 (2) Commends the compassionate work of tens of thousands of  
8 volunteers and paid staff at pregnancy resource centers in Arkansas and  
9 across the United States;

10 (3) Strongly encourages the United States Congress and  
11 other federal and state government agencies to grant pregnancy resource  
12 centers assistance for medical equipment and abstinence education in a manner  
13 that does not compromise the mission or religious integrity of these  
14 organizations; and

15 (4) Disapproves of the actions of any national, state, or local  
16 groups attempting to prevent pregnancy resource centers from effectively  
17 serving women and men facing unplanned pregnancies.

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption a copy of this resolution  
20 be presented by the Secretary of the Senate to each pregnancy resource center  
21 in Arkansas, to the Governor, to the President of the United States, and to  
22 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
23 of the United States Congress.

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