

HR 1087

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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# House Resolution No. 1087

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1087 - By: KERN of the House.

A Resolution supporting pregnancy resource centers; commending the work of centers; encouraging government to grant centers assistance for medical equipment and abstinence education; disapproving the actions of certain groups; and directing distribution.

1       WHEREAS, the life-affirming impact of pregnancy resource centers on the women,  
2 men, children, and communities they serve is considerable and growing; and

3       WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers serve women in Oklahoma and across the  
4 United States with integrity and compassion; and

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

8       WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers offer women free, confidential, and  
9 compassionate services, including pregnancy tests, peer counseling, 24-hour telephone  
10 hotlines, childbirth and parenting classes, referrals to community, healthcare, and  
11 support services; and

12       WHEREAS, many medical pregnancy resource centers offer ultrasound and other  
13 medical services; and

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

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

6           WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers provide women with compassionate and  
7 confidential peer counseling in a nonjudgmental manner regardless of their pregnancy  
8 outcomes; and

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

11           WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers ensure that women are receiving prenatal  
12 information and services that lead to the birth of healthy infants; and

13           WHEREAS, many pregnancy resource centers provide grief assistance for women  
14 and men in regard to the loss of their children; and

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

17           WHEREAS, federal and state governments are increasingly recognizing the  
18 valuable services of pregnancy resource centers through the designation of public funds  
19 for such organizations; and

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

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
2 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA  
3 LEGISLATURE:

4 THAT the House of Representatives strongly supports pregnancy resource centers  
5 in their unique, positive contributions to the individual lives of women and men and of  
6 babies — both born and unborn.

7 THAT the House of Representatives commends the compassionate work of tens of  
8 thousands of volunteers and paid staff at pregnancy resource centers in Oklahoma and  
9 across the United States.

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

14 THAT the House of Representatives disapproves of the actions of any national,  
15 state, or local groups attempting to prevent pregnancy resource centers from effectively  
16 serving women and men facing unplanned pregnancies.

17 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to each pregnancy resource center in  
18 Oklahoma, to the Governor of the State of Oklahoma, to the President of the United  
19 States, to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, and the  
20 Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives and the  
21 Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

22 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.