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3 HOUSE  
4 RESOLUTION 1087

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers offer women free,  
23 confidential, and compassionate services, including pregnancy tests,  
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1 peer counseling, 24-hour telephone hotlines, childbirth and  
2 parenting classes, referrals to community, healthcare, and support  
3 services; and

4 WHEREAS, many medical pregnancy resource centers offer  
5 ultrasound and other medical services; and

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

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

12 WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers provide women with  
13 compassionate and confidential peer counseling in a nonjudgmental  
14 manner regardless of their pregnancy outcomes; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13       THAT the House of Representatives strongly supports pregnancy  
14 resource centers in their unique, positive contributions to the  
15 individual lives of women and men and of babies – both born and  
16 unborn.

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

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

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

5        THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to each pregnancy  
6 resource center in Oklahoma, to the Governor of the State of  
7 Oklahoma, to the President of the United States, to the Majority and  
8 Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, and the Speaker and  
9 Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives and  
10 the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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