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HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF PREGNANCY HELP
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Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the life-affirming impact of pregnancy help organizations on the women, men, children, and communities they serve is considerable and growing; and

WHEREAS, pregnancy help organizations serve women in Arkansas and across the United States with integrity and compassion; and

WHEREAS, more than two thousand seven hundred (2,700) pregnancy help organizations across the United States provide comprehensive care to women and men facing unplanned pregnancies, including resources to meet their physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs; and

WHEREAS, pregnancy help organizations offer women free, confidential, and compassionate services, including pregnancy tests, peer counseling, 24-hour telephone hotlines, childbirth and parenting classes, referrals to community health care, and other support services; and

WHEREAS, many pregnancy help organizations offer ultrasounds and other medical services; and

WHEREAS, many pregnancy help organizations provide information on



adoption and adoption referrals to pregnant women; and

WHEREAS, pregnancy help organizations encourage women to make positive life choices by equipping them with complete and accurate information regarding their pregnancy options and the development of their unborn children; and

WHEREAS, pregnancy help organizations provide women with compassionate and confidential peer counseling in a nonjudgmental manner regardless of their pregnancy outcomes; and

WHEREAS, pregnancy help organizations provide important support and resources for women who choose childbirth over abortion; and

WHEREAS, pregnancy help organizations ensure that women are receiving prenatal information and services that lead to the birth of healthy infants; and

WHEREAS, many pregnancy help organizations provide grief assistance for women and men who regret the loss of their children from past choices they have made; and

WHEREAS, many pregnancy help organizations work to prevent unplanned pregnancies by teaching effective abstinence education in public schools; and

WHEREAS, both federal and state governments are increasingly recognizing the valuable services of pregnancy help organizations through the designation of public funds for such organizations; and

WHEREAS, pregnancy help organizations operate primarily through reliance on the voluntary donations and time of individuals who are committed to caring for the needs of women and promoting and protecting life,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives:

(1) Strongly support pregnancy help organizations in their unique, positive contributions to the individual lives of women, men, and babies, both born and unborn;

(2) Commend the compassionate work of tens of thousands of volunteers and paid staff at pregnancy help organizations in Arkansas and across the United States;

(3) Strongly encourage the United States Congress and other federal and state government agencies to grant pregnancy help organizations assistance for medical equipment and abstinence education in a manner that does not compromise the mission or religious integrity of these organizations; and

(4) Disapprove of the actions of any national, state, or local groups attempting to prevent pregnancy help organizations from effectively serving women and men facing unplanned pregnancies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption a copy of this resolution be presented by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to each pregnancy help organization in Arkansas, to the Governor, to the President of the United States, and to the Vice President of the United States, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress.