

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana's pregnancy resource centers, adoption agencies, social services, pro-life organizations, and pro-life citizens, and to recognize Thursday, May 11, 2017, as Pro-Life Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, all human life is a gift from our Creator and is sacred, unique, and worthy of protection, and each person, including every person waiting to be born, has a special place and purpose in this world; and

WHEREAS, abortion unjustly takes the life of an innocent human baby and forever hurts the lives of women and men involved with abortion; and

WHEREAS, many private citizens of Louisiana, acting out of love and compassion, have founded various agencies and centers dedicated to promoting a culture of life in our state; and

WHEREAS, the more than forty pregnancy resource centers, adoption agencies, and maternity homes across Louisiana are working tirelessly to preserve this great gift of life by helping both unborn children and their mothers; and

WHEREAS, for the past forty-four years, since the Supreme Court decided *Roe v. Wade* making abortion legal in Louisiana, these agencies have saved thousands and thousands of unborn children from abortion, and in recent years have helped reduce the annual number of abortions in Louisiana by nearly half; and

WHEREAS, in addition to saving unborn lives, these agencies have empowered mothers in difficult situations by providing the material and emotional support they need, both before and after the birth of their child, to either parent or place their child for adoption; and

WHEREAS, these agencies have consistently offered confidential counseling to women and men who have experienced loss through abortion, miscarriage, and infertility; and

WHEREAS, these life-affirming agencies outnumber abortion facilities in Louisiana ten to one, showing through these agencies that Louisiana is a truly pro-life state; and

WHEREAS, the people of Louisiana support these agencies and their mission of saving lives through volunteering, donations, prayer, and purchasing Choose Life license plates, which funds grants for these agencies to continue their life-affirming work.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend pregnancy resource centers, adoption agencies, social services, pro-life organizations, and pro-life citizens and does hereby recognize Thursday, May 11, 2017, as Louisiana Pro-Life Day at the state capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the executive director of the Louisiana Right to Life Federation.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE