

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 93

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

HEALTH/WOMEN'S: Commends and honors the pregnancy care centers of Louisiana

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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To commend and honor the pregnancy care centers of Louisiana.

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WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers have a considerable and growing impact on the women, men, children, and communities they serve; and

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WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers serve women in Louisiana and across the United States with integrity and passion; there are more than two thousand five hundred pregnancy care centers across the United States that provide comprehensive care to women and men facing unplanned pregnancies by providing resources that meet their physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs; and

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

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WHEREAS, many medical pregnancy care centers offer ultrasounds and other medical services and provide information on adoption and adoption referrals to pregnant women; and

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WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers 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

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WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers provide women with compassionate and confidential peer counseling in a nonjudgmental manner regardless of their pregnancy

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1 outcomes; they also provide important support and resources for women who choose
2 childbirth over abortion; and

3 WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers ensure that women receive prenatal information
4 and services that lead to the birth of healthy infants, and many centers provide grief
5 assistance for women and men who regret choices in the past; and

6 WHEREAS, many pregnancy care centers also work to prevent unplanned
7 pregnancies by teaching effective abstinence education in public school; and

8 WHEREAS, both federal and state governments have increasingly recognized the
9 value of the services offered by pregnancy care centers and have designated public funds for
10 such organizations; and

11 WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers operate primarily through reliance on the
12 voluntary donations and time of individuals who are committed to caring for the needs of
13 women and promoting and protecting life; and the centers operating in Louisiana are most
14 deserving of the highest recognition for their efforts.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16 commend and honor the pregnancy care centers of Louisiana and does hereby strongly
17 support the positive contributions pregnancy care centers make to the lives of women, men,
18 and babies.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
20 commend the tens of thousands of volunteers and paid staff at pregnancy care centers in
21 Louisiana and across the United States for their compassionate work.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana strongly encourages
23 Congress and other federal and state government agencies to grant assistance to pregnancy
24 care centers for medical equipment and abstinence education in a manner that does not
25 compromise the mission or religious integrity of these organizations.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana disapproves of the
27 actions of any national, state, or local groups attempting to prevent pregnancy care centers
28 from effectively serving women and men facing unplanned pregnancies.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to each
30 pregnancy care center in Louisiana, the governor, the president of the United States, and to

1 the president of the Senate and speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States
2 Congress.

DIGEST

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Commends pregnancy care centers of La. and their employees and volunteers.