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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 93

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

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

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2 To commend and honor the pregnancy care centers of Louisiana; to encourage Congress and 3 federal and state government agencies to grant assistance to pregnancy care centers 4 for medical equipment and abstinence education in a manner that does not 5 compromise the centers' mission or religious integrity; and to express the sense of 6 the legislature regarding actions of any national, state, or local groups attempting to 7 prevent pregnancy care centers from effectively serving women and men facing 8 unplanned pregnancies. 9 WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers have a considerable and growing impact on the 10 women, men, children, and communities they serve; and 11 WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers serve women in Louisiana and across the United 12 States with integrity and passion; there are more than two thousand five hundred pregnancy 13 care centers across the United States that provide comprehensive care to women and men 14 facing unplanned pregnancies by providing resources that meet their physical, psychological, 15 emotional, and spiritual needs; and 16 WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers offer women free, confidential, and 17 compassionate services including pregnancy tests, peer counseling, twenty-four hour per day 18 telephone hotlines, childbirth and parenting classes, community health care referrals, and 19 other support services; and

1	WHEREAS, many medical pregnancy care centers offer ultrasounds and other
2	medical services and provide information on adoption and adoption referrals to pregnant
3	women; and
4	WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers encourage women to make positive life choices
5	by equipping them with complete and accurate information regarding their pregnancy
6	options and the development of their unborn children; and
7	WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers provide women with compassionate and
8	confidential peer counseling in a nonjudgmental manner regardless of their pregnancy
9	outcomes; they also provide important support and resources for women who choose
10	childbirth over abortion; and
11	WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers ensure that women receive prenatal information
12	and services that lead to the birth of healthy infants, and many centers provide grief
13	assistance for women and men who regret past choices; and
14	WHEREAS, many pregnancy care centers also work to prevent unplanned
15	pregnancies by teaching effective abstinence education in public schools; and
16	WHEREAS, the federal government and state governments have increasingly
17	recognized the value of the services offered by pregnancy care centers and have designated
18	public funds for such organizations; and
19	WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers operate primarily through reliance on the
20	voluntary donations and time of individuals who are committed to caring for the needs of
21	women and promoting and protecting life, and the centers operating in Louisiana are most
22	deserving of the highest recognition for their efforts.
23	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
24	commend and honor the pregnancy care centers of Louisiana and does hereby strongly
25	support the positive contributions pregnancy care centers make to the lives of women, men,
26	and babies.
27	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
28	commend the tens of thousands of volunteers and paid staff at pregnancy care centers in
29	Louisiana and across the United States for their compassionate work.

- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana strongly encourages
- 2 Congress and federal and state government agencies to grant assistance to pregnancy care
- 3 centers for medical equipment and abstinence education in a manner that does not
- 4 compromise the mission or religious integrity of these organizations.
- 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana disapproves of the
- 6 actions of any national, state, or local groups attempting to prevent pregnancy care centers
- 7 from effectively serving women and men facing unplanned pregnancies.
- 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- 9 governor, the president of the United States, the presiding officers of the Senate and the
- House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America, and to each
- 11 member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Health and Welfare</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

- 1. Add title language.
- 2. Revise "transmit to" language.
- 3. Make technical and clarifying changes.