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9 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

10 TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF PREGNANCY RESOURCE  
11 CENTERS IN ARKANSAS.

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14 **Subtitle**

15 TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF PREGNANCY  
16 RESOURCE CENTERS IN ARKANSAS.

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19 WHEREAS, the life-affirming impact of pregnancy resource centers on the  
20 women, men, children, and communities they serve is considerable and growing;  
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23 WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers serve women in Arkansas and across  
24 the United States with integrity and compassion; and

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

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

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36 WHEREAS, many medical pregnancy resource centers offer ultrasounds and



1 other medical services; and

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3 WHEREAS, many pregnancy resource centers provide information on  
4 adoption and adoption referrals to pregnant women; and

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

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

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

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18 WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers ensure that women are receiving  
19 prenatal information and services that lead to the birth of healthy infants;  
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22 WHEREAS, many pregnancy resource centers provide grief assistance for  
23 women and men who regret the loss of their children from past choices they  
24 have made; and

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

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29 WHEREAS, both federal and state governments are increasingly  
30 recognizing the valuable services of pregnancy resource centers through the  
31 designation of public funds for such organizations; and

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33 WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers operate primarily through reliance  
34 on the voluntary donations and time of individuals who are committed to  
35 caring for the needs of women and promoting and protecting life,

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1 NOW THEREFORE,  
2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL  
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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5 THAT the House of Representatives:

6 (1) Strongly supports pregnancy resource centers in their  
7 unique, positive contributions to the individual lives of women, men, and  
8 babies – both born and unborn;

9 (2) Commends the compassionate work of tens of thousands of  
10 volunteers and paid staff at pregnancy resource centers in Arkansas and  
11 across the United States;

12 (3) Strongly encourages the United States Congress and  
13 other federal and state government agencies to grant pregnancy resource  
14 centers assistance for medical equipment and abstinence education in a manner  
15 that does not compromise the mission or religious integrity of these  
16 organizations; and

17 (4) Disapproves of the actions of any national, state, or local  
18 groups attempting to prevent pregnancy resource centers from effectively  
19 serving women and men facing unplanned pregnancies.

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption a copy of this resolution  
22 be presented by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to each  
23 pregnancy resource center in Arkansas, to the Governor, to the President of  
24 the United States, and to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
25 House of Representatives of the United States Congress.