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8 RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF PREGNANCY CARE  
9 CENTERS AND ENCOURAGING CONGRESS TO GRANT PREGNANCY CARE  
10 CENTERS ASSISTANCE FOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND FAMILY AND  
11 ABSTINENCE EDUCATION.

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13 WHEREAS, the life affirming impact of pregnancy care  
14 centers on the women, men, children, and communities they  
15 serve is considerable and growing; and

16 WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers serve women in  
17 Alabama and across the United States with integrity and  
18 compassion; and

19 WHEREAS, thousands of pregnancy care centers across  
20 the United State provide comprehensive care to women and men  
21 facing unplanned pregnancies, including resources to meet  
22 their physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, data from 37 of over 50 pregnancy care  
25 centers in Alabama provided estimated cost-saving benefits of  
26 over \$3,550,000 to local and state governments in 2016; and

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

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

11           WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers provide important  
12 support and resources for women who choose childbirth over  
13 abortion; and

14           WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers ensure that women  
15 are receiving prenatal information and services that lead to  
16 the birth of healthy infants; and

17           WHEREAS, many pregnancy care centers provide grief  
18 assistance for women and men who regret the loss of their  
19 children from past choices they have made; and

20           WHEREAS, many pregnancy care centers work to prevent  
21 unplanned pregnancies by teaching effective abstinence  
22 education in public schools; and

23           WHEREAS, both federal and state governments are  
24 increasingly recognizing the valuable services of pregnancy  
25 care centers through the designation of public funds for such  
26 organizations; and

1           WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers operate primarily  
2 through reliance on the voluntary donations and time of caring  
3 individuals who are committed to caring for the needs of women  
4 and promoting and protecting life; now therefore,

5           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we recognize the many  
7 contributions made by pregnancy care centers and we strongly  
8 support pregnancy care centers in their unique, positive  
9 contributions to the individual lives of women, men, and  
10 babies, both born and unborn.

11           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we commend the  
12 compassionate work of tens of thousands of volunteers and paid  
13 staff at pregnancy care centers in Alabama and across the  
14 United States.

15           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we strongly encourage  
16 the Congress of the United States and other federal and state  
17 governmental agencies to grant pregnancy care center  
18 assistance for medical equipment and sexual risk  
19 avoidance/abstinence education in a manner that does not  
20 compromise the mission or religious integrity of these  
21 organizations.

22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
23 resolution shall be provided to the Governor, President of the  
24 United States, President of the United States Senate, Speaker  
25 of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress,  
26 and each member of the Alabama Congressional Delegation.