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Senate Resolution

A resolution commending the compassionate work of the volunteers and staff at Florida's pregnancy resource centers and recognizing January 2012 as "Pregnancy Resource Center Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the life-affirming impact of pregnancy resource centers on the women, men, children, and communities they serve is considerable and growing, and

WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers serve women and families in this state and across the United States with integrity and compassion, and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, many pregnancy resource 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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30 compassionate and confidential peer counseling in a
31 nonjudgmental manner regardless of their pregnancy outcomes, and

32 WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers provide important
33 support and resources for women who choose childbirth over
34 abortion, and

35 WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers ensure that women
36 receive prenatal information and services that lead to the birth
37 of healthy infants, and

38 WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers provide grief
39 assistance for women and men who regret the loss of their
40 children from past choices they have made, and

41 WHEREAS, many pregnancy resource centers work to prevent
42 unplanned pregnancies by teaching effective abstinence
43 education, and

44 WHEREAS, both federal and state governments are
45 increasingly recognizing the valuable services of pregnancy
46 resource centers through the designation of public funds for
47 such organizations, and

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

52 WHEREAS, the Florida Senate strongly supports pregnancy
53 resource centers in their unique, positive contributions to the
54 individual lives of women, men, and babies – both born and
55 unborn, and

56 WHEREAS, the Florida Senate commends the compassionate work
57 of tens of thousands of volunteers and paid staff at pregnancy
58 resource centers in this state and across the United States, and

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59 WHEREAS, the Florida Senate disapproves of the actions of
60 any national, state, or local groups attempting to prevent
61 pregnancy resource centers from effectively serving women and
62 men facing unplanned pregnancies, NOW, THEREFORE,

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64 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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66 That the members of the Florida Senate commend the
67 compassionate work of the volunteers and staff at Florida's
68 pregnancy resource centers and recognize January 2012 as
69 "Pregnancy Resource Center Month" in Florida.