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3 By Representatives Galliher and Hill
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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 ABSTINENCE
11 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, more than 2,500 pregnancy care centers
20 across the United States provide comprehensive care to women
21 and men facing unplanned pregnancies, including resources to
22 meet their physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual
23 needs; and

24 WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers offer women free,
25 confidential, and compassionate services, including pregnancy
26 tests, peer counseling, 24-hour telephone hotlines, childbirth

1 and parenting classes, and referrals to community, health
2 care, and other support services; and

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

8 WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers provide women with
9 compassionate and confidential peer counseling in a
10 nonjudgmental manner regardless of their pregnancy outcomes;
11 and

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, both federal and state governments are
25 increasingly recognizing the valuable services of pregnancy
26 care centers through the designation of public funds for such
27 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 disapprove of the
16 actions of any national, state, or local groups attempting to
17 prevent pregnancy care centers from effectively serving women
18 and men facing unplanned pregnancies.

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

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
26 resolution shall be provided to the Governor, President of the
27 United States, President of the United States Senate, Speaker

1 of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress,
2 and each member of the Alabama Congressional Delegation.