



State of Tennessee

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 110

By Representative Gotto

A RESOLUTION to recognize and support the contributions made by pregnancy care centers.

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

WHEREAS, pregnancy care centers serve women in Tennessee and across the United States with integrity and compassion; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,500 pregnancy care 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 care 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, pregnancy care centers encourage women to make positive life choices by equipping them with complete and accurate information regarding their pregnancy options, including adoption information and the development of their unborn children; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize the many contributions made by pregnancy care centers and we strongly support pregnancy care centers in their unique, positive contributions to the individual lives of women, men, and babies, both born and unborn.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend the compassionate work of tens of thousands of volunteers and paid staff at pregnancy care centers in Tennessee and across the United States.

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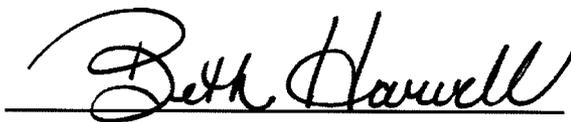
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we disapprove of the actions of any national, state, or local groups attempting to prevent pregnancy care centers from effectively serving women and men facing unplanned pregnancies.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: MAY 19, 2011

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Beth Harwell", written over a horizontal line.

BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES