

Senate Resolution 475

By: Senator Heath of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Life Matters Outreach Pregnancy Care Center; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Life Matters Outreach (LMO) Pregnancy Care Center has provided unyielding
4 support and guidance to the women of Polk County for the past ten years; and

5 WHEREAS, LMO has generously provided help to women experiencing unplanned
6 pregnancies, including resources to meet their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs; and

7 WHEREAS, for the past ten years, LMO has provided all services free of charge, including
8 confidential lay counseling, pregnancy tests, parenting classes, infant clothes and supplies,
9 maternity clothes, community referrals, and abortion information; and

10 WHEREAS, these services have all been funded by the generous donations of local
11 supporters and local churches; and

12 WHEREAS, Polk County has seen a significant reduction in its abortion rate since LMO
13 opened its doors in September of 2001; and

14 WHEREAS, LMO has established a trusted name in Polk County, both among the donor
15 base as well as the clientele; and

16 WHEREAS, LMO provides information for and encourages adoption and encourages women
17 to make positive life choices by equipping them with complete and accurate information
18 regarding their pregnancy options and the development of their unborn children; and

19 WHEREAS, LMO strives to provide women with compassionate and confidential peer
20 counseling in a nonjudgmental manner regardless of their pregnancy outcomes and
21 important support and resources for women who choose childbirth over abortion; and

22 WHEREAS, LMO has conducted annual post-abortion lay counseling sessions for women
23 who regret their past abortions and has been a community resource for education on all
24 pro-life issues, not limited to abortion; and

25 WHEREAS, this passionate organization works to prevent unplanned pregnancies by
26 teaching effective abstinence education among the local youth; and

27 WHEREAS, LMO operates primarily through reliance on volunteers and compassionate
28 individuals who are committed to caring for the needs of women and promoting the sanctity
29 of human life; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine
31 organization and its numerous contributions to the citizens of this state be appropriately
32 recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 commend Life Matters Outreach Pregnancy Care for its dedicated support of pregnant
35 women in Polk County.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Life Matters Outreach Pregnancy Care.