

Senate Resolution 820

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing pregnancy resource centers; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the life-affirming impact of pregnancy resource centers on the women, men,  
3 children, and communities they serve is considerable and growing; and
- 4 WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers serve women in Georgia and across the United  
5 States with integrity and compassion; and
- 6 WHEREAS, more than 2,500 pregnancy resource centers across the United States, and more  
7 than 70 in Georgia, provide comprehensive care to women and men facing unplanned  
8 pregnancies, including resources to meet their physical, psychological, emotional, and  
9 spiritual needs; and
- 10 WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers offer women free, confidential, and compassionate  
11 services, including pregnancy tests, peer counseling, 24-hour telephone hotlines, childbirth  
12 and parenting classes, referrals to community health care, and other support services; and
- 13 WHEREAS, many medical pregnancy resource centers offer ultrasounds and other medical  
14 services; and
- 15 WHEREAS, many pregnancy resource centers provide information on adoption and adoption  
16 referrals to pregnant women; and
- 17 WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers encourage women to make positive life choices by  
18 equipping them with complete and accurate information regarding their pregnancy options  
19 and the development of their unborn children; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers operate primarily through reliance on the voluntary  
35 donations and time of individuals who are committed to caring for the needs of women and  
36 promoting and protecting life.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
38 recognize pregnancy resource centers for their unique and positive contributions to the  
39 individual lives of women, men, and babies—both born and unborn.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the compassionate work of tens of thousands of  
41 volunteers and paid staff at pregnancy resource centers in Georgia and across the United  
42 States is commended.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States and other federal and  
44 state government agencies are strongly encouraged to grant pregnancy resource centers  
45 assistance for pregnancy support services that does not compromise the mission or religious  
46 integrity of these organizations.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the actions of any national, state, or local groups  
48 attempting to prevent pregnancy resource centers from effectively serving women and men  
49 facing unplanned pregnancies are disapproved.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
51 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
52 press.