

House Resolution 1306

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Peake of the 141st, Sharper of the 177th, Teasley of the 37th, Raffensperger of the 50th, and others

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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body recognize pregnancy resource centers for their unique and positive
39 contributions to the 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 Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
51 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
52 public and the press.