

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring pregnancy help centers for their life-
2 saving work throughout the United States and Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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

5 WHEREAS, pregnancy help centers serve women in Kentucky and across the
6 United States with integrity and compassion; and

7 WHEREAS, more than 2,500 pregnancy help centers across the United States
8 provide comprehensive care to women and men facing unplanned pregnancies, including
9 resources to meet their physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs; and

10 WHEREAS, pregnancy help centers offer women free, confidential, and
11 compassionate services including pregnancy tests, peer counseling, 24-hour telephone
12 hotlines, childbirth and parenting classes, referrals to community health care, and other
13 support services; and

14 WHEREAS, many medical pregnancy help centers offer ultrasounds and other
15 medical services; and

16 WHEREAS, many pregnancy help centers provide information on adoption and
17 adoption referrals to pregnant women; and

18 WHEREAS, pregnancy help centers encourage women with compassionate and
19 confidential peer counseling in a nonjudgmental manner, regardless of their pregnancy
20 outcomes; and

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

23 WHEREAS, pregnancy help centers provide women with prenatal information and
24 services; and

25 WHEREAS, many pregnancy help centers provide grief assistance for women and
26 men who regret the loss of their children from their past choices; and

27 WHEREAS, many pregnancy help centers work to prevent unplanned pregnancies

1 by teaching effective abstinence education; and

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

5 WHEREAS, pregnancy help centers in Kentucky save our communities well over a
6 million dollars annually by providing valuable services to vulnerable women, men, and
7 families free of charge, according to Care Net; and

8 WHEREAS, pregnancy help centers provide full disclosure, in both their
9 advertisements and direct contact with women, of the types of services they provide;

10 NOW, THEREFORE,

11 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
12 ***Kentucky, the House of Representatives concurring therein:***

13 ➔Section 1. The General Assembly strongly supports pregnancy help centers in
14 their unique and positive contributions to the individual lives of women, men, and babies,
15 both born and unborn.

16 ➔Section 2. The General Assembly commends the compassionate work of tens of
17 thousands of volunteers and paid staff at pregnancy help centers in Kentucky and across
18 the United States.

19 ➔Section 3. The General Assembly disapproves of any action by the Congress of
20 the United States, federal agencies, or state governments that would compromise the
21 mission or religious integrity of pregnancy help centers.

22 ➔Section 4. The General Assembly disapproves of the actions of any national,
23 state, or local group attempting to prevent pregnancy help centers from effectively serving
24 women and men facing unplanned pregnancies.

25 ➔Section 5. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
26 Resolution to the office of Senator Max Wise and to the offices of the Kentucky
27 Congressional delegation.