A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring pregnancy maintenance resource centers in Kansas and across the United States.

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

WHEREAS, Pregnancy maintenance resource centers serve women in Kansas and across the United States with integrity and compassion; and

WHEREAS, More than 2,500 pregnancy maintenance resource 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 maintenance resource centers offer women free, confidential and compassionate services, including pregnancy tests, peer counseling, 24-hour telephone hotlines, childbirth and parenting classes, referrals to community, health care and support services; and

WHEREAS, Many medical pregnancy maintenance resource centers offer ultrasound and other medical services; and

WHEREAS, Many pregnancy maintenance resource centers provide information on adoption and adoption referrals to pregnant mothers; and

WHEREAS, Pregnancy maintenance resource centers encourage women to make positive life choices by equipping them with complete and accurate information regarding their pregnancy options and the development of their unborn child; and

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

WHEREAS, Pregnancy maintenance resource centers provide important support and resources for women who choose childbirth over abortion; and

WHEREAS, Pregnancy maintenance resource centers ensure that women are receiving prenatal information and services that lead to the birth of health infants; and
WHEREAS, Many pregnancy maintenance resource centers provide grief assistance for women and men who regret the loss of their children from past choices they have made; and
WHEREAS, Many pregnancy maintenance resource centers work to prevent unplanned pregnancies by teaching effective abstinence education in public schools; and
WHEREAS, Federal and state governments are increasingly recognizing the valuable services of pregnancy maintenance resource centers through the designation of public funds for such organizations; and
WHEREAS, Pregnancy maintenance resource centers operate primarily through reliance on the voluntary donations and time of caring individuals who are committed to caring for the needs of women and promoting and protecting life; and
WHEREAS, There are a number of pregnancy maintenance resource centers that deserve recognition in our state: Pregnancy Resource Center of Southeast Kansas, of Iola, Kansas; Raven Aid for Moms, Benedictine College, of Atchison, Kansas; Birthright of Great Bend, Kansas; Catholic Social Service of Great Bend, Kansas; Birthline of Fort Scott, Kansas; Bethlehem House, of El Dorado, Kansas; Birthline, of El Dorado, Kansas; Pregnancy Care Center of Butler County, of Augusta, Kansas; Catholic Charities of Concordia, Kansas; Family Life Services of Arkansas City, Kansas; Birthright of Pittsburg, Kansas; Vie Medical Clinic of Pittsburg, Kansas; Birthright of Lawrence, Kansas; Pregnancy Care Center of Lawrence, Kansas; Birthright of Hays, Kansas; Catholic Charities of Hays, Kansas; Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home of Hays, Kansas; ABC Pregnancy Care Center of Garden City, Kansas; Catholic Social Service of Garden City, Kansas; Birthright of Dodge City, Kansas; Catholic Social Service of Dodge City, Kansas; Life Care Center for Women of Ottawa, Kansas; Birthline of Junction City, Kansas; Precious Beginnings Pregnancy Center of Ulysses, Kansas; Health Ministries Clinic of Newton, Kansas; Heartland Pregnancy Care Center of Newton, Kansas; Crisis Pregnancy Center of Jackson County, Kansas; Advice and Aid Pregnancy Center of Shawnee, Kansas; Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas of Overland Park, Kansas; Christian Family Services, Inc., of Overland Park, Kansas; LDS Family Services of Overland Park, Kansas; Birthright of Leavenworth, Kansas; Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas of Leavenworth, Kansas; Saint Vincent Clinic of Leavenworth, Kansas; Birthright of Emporia, Kansas; Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas of Emporia, Kansas; Family Life Services of Emporia, Kansas; Heart Choices of Beloit, Kansas; Midwest Pregnancy Care Center of Coffeyville, Kansas; Midwest Pregnancy Care Center of Independence, Kansas; Birthline of Chanute, Kansas; Pratt Family Life
Center of Pratt, Kansas; Birthright of Hutchinson, Kansas; Open Door
Pregnancy Care Center of Hutchinson, Kansas; Catholic Charities of
Manhattan, Kansas; Life Choice Ministries of Manhattan, Kansas;
Pregnancy Testing Center of Manhattan, Kansas; Catholic Charities of
Salina, Kansas; Pregnancy Service Center of Salina, Kansas; A Better
Choice of Wichita, Kansas; Birthline of Wichita, Kansas; Catholic
Charities of Wichita, Kansas; Choices Medical Clinic of Wichita, Kansas;
Gerard House of Wichita, Kansas; Guadalupe Clinic of Wichita, Kansas;
Pregnancy Crisis Center of Wichita, Inc., of Wichita, Kansas; Birthline of
Liberal, Kansas; Birthright of Topeka, Kansas; Caring Pregnancy Options
of Topeka, Kansas; Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas of Topeka,
Kansas; Rachel's Tea House Crisis Pregnancy Center of Kansas City,
Kansas; Life Support Center of Johnson, Kansas; Birthline of Wellington,
Kansas; Emergency Pregnancy Service of Colby, Kansas; Angels of
Grace Family Service Center of Kansas City, Kansas; Catholic Charities
of Northeast Kansas, of Kansas City, Kansas; Adoption Center of Kansas,
of Wichita, Kansas; American Adoption of Overland Park, Kansas; Grace
Center, Inc. of Kansas City, Kansas; Wyandotte Pregnancy Clinic of
Kansas City, Kansas; and Your Choice Pregnancy Resource Center of
Kansas City, Kansas: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of
Representatives concurring therein: That the legislature strongly supports
pregnancy maintenance resource centers in their unique, positive
contributions to the individual lives of women, men and of babies – both
born and unborn; and

Be it further resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House
of Representatives concurring therein: That the legislature commends the
compassionate work of tens of thousands of volunteers and paid staff at
pregnancy maintenance resource centers in Kansas and across the United
States; and

Be it further resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House
of Representatives concurring therein: That the legislature encourages the
Congress of the United States and other federal and state government
agencies to grant pregnancy maintenance resource centers assistance for
medical equipment and abstinence education in a manner that does not
compromise the mission or religious integrity of these organizations; and

Be it further resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House
of Representatives concurring therein: That the legislature disapproves of
the actions of any national, state or local groups attempting to prevent
pregnancy maintenance resource centers from effectively serving women
and men facing unplanned pregnancies; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an
enrolled copy of this resolution to each pregnancy maintenance resource
center in Kansas, to Governor Brownback, to the President of the United States and to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress.