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HR 1010

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5 By: Representative Crawford

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF PREGNANCY HELP  
9 ORGANIZATIONS IN ARKANSAS.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 HELP ORGANIZATIONS IN ARKANSAS.

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16 WHEREAS, the life-affirming impact of pregnancy help organizations on  
17 the women, men, children, and communities they serve is considerable and  
18 growing; and

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20 WHEREAS, pregnancy help organizations serve women in Arkansas and  
21 across the United States with integrity and compassion; and

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23 WHEREAS, more than two thousand seven hundred (2,700) pregnancy help  
24 organizations across the United States provide comprehensive care to women  
25 and men facing unplanned pregnancies, including resources to meet their  
26 physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs; and

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28 WHEREAS, pregnancy help organizations offer women free, confidential,  
29 and compassionate services, including pregnancy tests, peer counseling, 24-  
30 hour telephone hotlines, childbirth and parenting classes, referrals to  
31 community health care, and other support services; and

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33 WHEREAS, many pregnancy help organizations offer ultrasounds and other  
34 medical services; and

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36 WHEREAS, many pregnancy help organizations provide information on



1 adoption and adoption referrals to pregnant women; and

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3 WHEREAS, pregnancy help organizations encourage women to make positive  
4 life choices by equipping them with complete and accurate information  
5 regarding their pregnancy options and the development of their unborn  
6 children; and

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8 WHEREAS, pregnancy help organizations provide women with compassionate  
9 and confidential peer counseling in a nonjudgmental manner regardless of  
10 their pregnancy outcomes; and

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12 WHEREAS, pregnancy help organizations provide important support and  
13 resources for women who choose childbirth over abortion; and

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15 WHEREAS, pregnancy help organizations ensure that women are receiving  
16 prenatal information and services that lead to the birth of healthy infants;  
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19 WHEREAS, many pregnancy help organizations provide grief assistance for  
20 women and men who regret the loss of their children from past choices they  
21 have made; and

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23 WHEREAS, many pregnancy help organizations work to prevent unplanned  
24 pregnancies by teaching effective abstinence education in public schools; and

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26 WHEREAS, both federal and state governments are increasingly  
27 recognizing the valuable services of pregnancy help organizations through the  
28 designation of public funds for such organizations; and

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30 WHEREAS, pregnancy help organizations operate primarily through  
31 reliance on the voluntary donations and time of individuals who are committed  
32 to caring for the needs of women and promoting and protecting life,

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34 NOW THEREFORE,

35 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
36 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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THAT the House of Representatives:

(1) Strongly support pregnancy help organizations in their unique, positive contributions to the individual lives of women, men, and babies, both born and unborn;

(2) Commend the compassionate work of tens of thousands of volunteers and paid staff at pregnancy help organizations in Arkansas and across the United States;

(3) Strongly encourage the United States Congress and other federal and state government agencies to grant pregnancy help organizations assistance for medical equipment and abstinence education in a manner that does not compromise the mission or religious integrity of these organizations; and

(4) Disapprove of the actions of any national, state, or local groups attempting to prevent pregnancy help organizations from effectively serving women and men facing unplanned pregnancies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption a copy of this resolution be presented by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to each pregnancy help organization in Arkansas, to the Governor, to the President of the United States, and to the Vice President of the United States, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress.