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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1606

By Senator Pilcher-Cook

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

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

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

9 WHEREAS, More than 2,500 pregnancy maintenance resource
10 centers across the United States provide comprehensive care to women
11 and men facing unplanned pregnancies, including resources to meet their
12 physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual needs; and

13 WHEREAS, Pregnancy maintenance resource centers offer women
14 free, confidential and compassionate services, including pregnancy tests,
15 peer counseling, 24-hour telephone hotlines, childbirth and parenting
16 classes, referrals to community, health care and support services; and

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

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

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

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

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

31 WHEREAS, Pregnancy maintenance resource centers ensure that
32 women are receiving prenatal information and services that lead to the
33 birth of healthy infants; and

34 WHEREAS, Many pregnancy maintenance resource centers provide
35 grief assistance for women and men who regret the loss of their children
36 from past choices they have made; and

1 WHEREAS, Many pregnancy maintenance resource centers work to
2 prevent unplanned pregnancies by teaching effective abstinence
3 education in public schools; and

4 WHEREAS, Federal and state governments are increasingly
5 recognizing the valuable services of pregnancy maintenance resource
6 centers through the designation of public funds for such organizations;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Pregnancy maintenance resource centers operate
9 primarily through reliance on the voluntary donations and time of caring
10 individuals who are committed to caring for the needs of women and
11 promoting and protecting life; and

12 WHEREAS, There are a number of pregnancy maintenance resource
13 centers that deserve recognition in our state: Pregnancy Resource Center
14 of Southeast Kansas, of Iola, Kansas; Raven Aid for Moms, Benedictine
15 College, of Atchison, Kansas; Birthright, of Great Bend, Kansas; Catholic
16 Social Service, of Great Bend, Kansas; Birthline, of Fort Scott, Kansas;
17 Bethlehem House, of El Dorado, Kansas; Birthline, of El Dorado,
18 Kansas; Pregnancy Care Center of Butler County, of Augusta, Kansas;
19 Catholic Charities, of Concordia, Kansas; Family Life Services, of
20 Arkansas City, Kansas; Birthright, of Pittsburg, Kansas; Vie Medical
21 Clinic, of Pittsburg, Kansas; Birthright, of Lawrence, Kansas; Pregnancy
22 Care Center, of Lawrence, Kansas; Birthright, of Hays, Kansas; Catholic
23 Charities, of Hays, Kansas; Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home, of Hays,
24 Kansas; ABC Pregnancy Care Center, of Garden City, Kansas; Catholic
25 Social Service, of Garden City, Kansas; Birthright, of Dodge City,
26 Kansas; Catholic Social Service, of Dodge City, Kansas; Life Care Center
27 for Women, of Ottawa, Kansas; Birthline, of Junction City, Kansas;
28 Precious Beginnings Pregnancy Center, of Ulysses, Kansas; Health
29 Ministries Clinic, of Newton, Kansas; Heartland Pregnancy Care Center,
30 of Newton, Kansas; Crisis Pregnancy Center, of Jackson County, Kansas;
31 Advice and Aid Pregnancy Center, of Shawnee, Kansas; Catholic
32 Charities of Northeast Kansas, of Overland Park, Kansas; Christian
33 Family Services, Inc., of Overland Park, Kansas; LDS Family Services,
34 of Overland Park, Kansas; Birthright, of Leavenworth, Kansas; Catholic
35 Charities of Northeast Kansas, of Leavenworth, Kansas; Saint Vincent
36 Clinic, of Leavenworth, Kansas; Birthright, of Emporia, Kansas; Catholic
37 Charities of Northeast Kansas, of Emporia, Kansas; Family Life Services,
38 of Emporia, Kansas; Heart Choices, of Beloit, Kansas; Midwest
39 Pregnancy Care Center, of Coffeyville, Kansas; Midwest Pregnancy Care
40 Center, of Independence, Kansas; Birthline, of Chanute, Kansas; Pratt
41 Family Life Center, of Pratt, Kansas; Birthright, of Hutchinson, Kansas;
42 Open Door Pregnancy Care Center, of Hutchinson, Kansas; Catholic
43 Charities, of Manhattan, Kansas; Life Choice Ministries, of Manhattan,

1 Kansas; Pregnancy Testing Center, of Manhattan, Kansas; Catholic
2 Charities, of Salina, Kansas; Pregnancy Service Center, of Salina,
3 Kansas; A Better Choice, of Wichita, Kansas; Birthline, of Wichita,
4 Kansas; Catholic Charities, of Wichita, Kansas; Choices Medical Clinic,
5 of Wichita, Kansas; Gerard House, of Wichita, Kansas; Guadalupe Clinic,
6 of Wichita, Kansas; Pregnancy Crisis Center of Wichita, Inc., of Wichita,
7 Kansas; Birthline, of Liberal, Kansas; Birthright, of Topeka, Kansas;
8 Caring Pregnancy Options, of Topeka, Kansas; Catholic Charities of
9 Northeast Kansas, of Topeka, Kansas; Rachel's Tea House Crisis
10 Pregnancy Center, of Kansas City, Kansas; Life Support Center, of
11 Johnson, Kansas; Birthline, of Wellington, Kansas; Emergency Pregnancy
12 Service, of Colby, Kansas; Angels of Grace Family Service Center, of
13 Kansas City, Kansas; Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, of Kansas
14 City, Kansas; Adoption Center, of Kansas, of Wichita, Kansas; American
15 Adoption, of Overland Park, Kansas; Grace Center, Inc., of Kansas City,
16 Kansas; Wyandotte Pregnancy Clinic, of Kansas City, Kansas; and Your
17 Choice Pregnancy Resource Center, of Kansas City, Kansas: Now,
18 therefore,

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

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

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

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

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

- 1 Representatives of the United States Congress.