

Rep. McMillin offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 142.

A resolution to express support for pregnancy resource centers and to memorialize Congress and other state and federal agencies to support these facilities in a manner that does not compromise their mission or religious integrity.

Whereas, The life-affirming impact of pregnancy resource centers across the country on the women, men, children, and communities they serve is considerable and growing. Pregnancy resource centers serve women in Michigan and all across the country with integrity and compassion; and

Whereas, More than 2,500 pregnancy resource centers throughout the United States provide comprehensive care to women and men facing unplanned pregnancies, with the centers providing resources to meet their physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs; and

Whereas, Many pregnancy resource centers offer ultrasound and other medical services, and many provide information on adoption and adoption referrals. Pregnancy resource centers encourage women to make positive life choices by equipping them with complete and accurate information regarding their options and the development of their unborn child; and

Whereas, Pregnancy resource centers provide women with compassionate and confidential peer counseling in a nonjudgmental manner, regardless of their pregnancy outcomes. These centers ensure that women are receiving prenatal information and services that lead to the birth of healthy infants; and

Whereas, Pregnancy resource centers provide important support and resources for women who choose childbirth over abortion. They also provide grief assistance for women and men who regret the loss of their children from past choices they have made; and

Whereas, Many pregnancy resource centers work to prevent unplanned pregnancies by teaching effective abstinence education in public schools. Federal and state government agencies are increasingly recognizing the valuable services of pregnancy resource centers through the designation of funds. However, pregnancy resource centers operate primarily through reliance on the voluntary donations and time of caring individuals who are committed to working with women and promoting and protecting life; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we express support for pregnancy resource centers and memorialize Congress and other state and federal agencies to support these facilities without putting them at a disadvantage to other types of organizations for eligibility of assistance that the government is already offering for such things as medical equipment and abstinence education. We urge that any such assistance that is offered by a government agency is carried out in a manner that does not compromise the mission or religious integrity of the pregnancy resource centers; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Department of Community Health, the Office of the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation