

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 72

BY SENATOR LONG

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Louisiana's pregnancy resource centers, adoption agencies, maternity homes, and pro life citizen leaders for their dedication and activities, and designates April 20, 2016, as Pro Life Day at the legislature.

WHEREAS, all human life is a gift from our Creator that is sacred, unique, and worthy of protection, and each person has a special place and purpose in this world; and

WHEREAS, many private citizens of Louisiana, acting out of love and compassion, have taken it upon themselves to become leaders in their communities, and have founded various agencies and centers dedicated to promoting a culture of life in our state; and

WHEREAS, more than forty pregnancy resource centers, adoption agencies, and maternity homes across Louisiana are working tirelessly to preserve this great gift of life by helping both the unborn and their mothers; and

WHEREAS, since the United States Supreme Court made abortion legal in Louisiana through the decision of *Roe v. Wade*, these agencies have saved numerous unborn children from abortion, and in recent years, helped the annual number of abortions in Louisiana decrease by nearly fifty percent; and

WHEREAS, in addition to saving unborn children, these agencies have empowered mothers in difficult situations by providing the material and emotional support they need, both before and after the birth of their child, to either parent or place their child for adoption; and

WHEREAS, these agencies have consistently offered confidential counseling to women and men who have experienced loss through abortion, miscarriage, and infertility; and

WHEREAS, the people of Louisiana support these agencies, and their mission of saving lives, through volunteering, donations, prayer, and the purchase of Choose Life license plates, which funds grants for these agencies to continue their life-affirming work.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Louisiana's pregnancy resource centers, adoption agencies, maternity homes, and pro life citizen leaders for their dedication and activities, and hereby designates April 20, 2016, as Pro Life Day at the legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Right to Life Federation.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES