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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 594

Offered January 27, 2023

Commending Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center.

Patrons—Byron and Walker; Senators: Cosgrove, Newman and Peake

WHEREAS, Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center, a nonprofit organization in Lynchburg, has helped women in Central Virginia make informed decisions about their pregnancies for more than 23 years; and

WHEREAS, Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center was founded in 1999 to provide educational information and support to women with unplanned pregnancies and has served generations of clients with compassion and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center is one of more than 2,500 pregnancy care centers across the United States that provide comprehensive care to women facing unplanned pregnancies, including resources to meet their physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs; and

WHEREAS, Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center and other such centers throughout the Commonwealth and the nation have had a positive impact on the women, families, and communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, the services that Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center offers include pregnancy testing, limited obstetrical ultrasounds, information on all pregnancy options, pregnancy and post-partum counseling, pregnancy and life coaching classes, and post-abortion support; and

WHEREAS, Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center offers information and support on single parenting or co-parenting, and clients in need may also receive baby diapers, clothes, toiletries, toys, and other necessities; the center also offers information and referrals about adoption services; and

WHEREAS, Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center has helped women make positive life choices by equipping them with complete and accurate information regarding their pregnancy options and the development of their unborn children, as well as compassionate and confidential peer counseling in a nonjudgmental manner regardless of their pregnancy outcomes; and

WHEREAS, by providing education and important support and resources for women, Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center encourages choosing childbirth over abortion; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center performed 289 pregnancy tests and 249 ultrasounds and distributed more than 900 donated diapers; as a result of the center's work, 204 mothers were assisted in their decisions to choose childbirth over abortion; and

WHEREAS, Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center is funded through the generosity of individuals, businesses, and organizations in the community; Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center has fulfilled its mission through the hard work of its staff members and volunteers and generous donations from individuals and community partners and provides all services free of charge; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center for more than two decades of service to women in Central Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's commitment to building happy, healthy families.

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