

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 601

By Littleton

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend CareNet Pregnancy Medical Center on the occasion of the organization's twenty-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those exemplary organizations and their remarkable personnel who work with purpose and conviction to improve the quality of life in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable organization is CareNet Pregnancy Medical Center, which is commemorating its twenty-fifth anniversary this year, marking two and a half decades of providing support services to girls and women experiencing unplanned pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, first opening its doors in June 1995, CareNet Pregnancy Medical Center, formerly known as the Crisis Pregnancy Center, was founded with the goal of offering counseling and practical support to those experiencing unplanned pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, CareNet is a service organization in partnership with the Christian community that is committed to dramatically reducing the number of lives lost or harmed by abortion; with the stated mission of empowering individuals to make informed choices about their pregnancy and sexual health, the organization is committed to excellence, integrity, and honesty; and

WHEREAS, CareNet has grown significantly over the years and currently serves Dickson, Hickman, Humphries, Houston, and Perry counties, providing free services and education, including pregnancy tests, abortion education and alternatives, adoption/abstinence education and support, prepared childbirth classes, labor and delivery support, peer counseling, and support and material assistance; and

WHEREAS, though it began as an operation with one part-time paid CEO position and a volunteer board of directors, CareNet now employs a full-time CEO, Margaret Cole; a part-time Director of Advancement, Liz Hasley; a part-time administrative assistant, Teresa Chandler; a part-time Client Service Director, Tanya Fifth; a part-time Nurse Manager, Ginger Cavender, RN, BSN; and a part-time store manager, Anna Robinson; and

WHEREAS, CareNet is a nonprofit organization funded solely through donations; it is governed by a five-member Board of Directors and benefits from the dedication of twenty-five "in-house" volunteers who keep CareNet running smoothly and countless "off-site" volunteers who connect the organization to local churches, businesses, service organizations, and those with pregnancy-related needs in the community; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to better serve those in need, CareNet completed construction of a 3,700-square-foot addition to its current location in 2008, enabling the organization to offer complimentary ultrasounds to qualifying patients; the organization also diagnoses pregnancy, determines the gestational age of the baby, and determines whether the pregnancy is a viable intrauterine pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, additionally, in September 2010, CareNet opened Lorita's Open Door, a thrift store that sells gently used clothing for women and children, furniture, and toys; and

WHEREAS, for twenty-five years, CareNet has provided compassionate service and support to those experiencing unplanned pregnancy, and it is most fitting that the organization be honored at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend CareNet Pregnancy Medical Center on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary, extending our best wishes for the organization's continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.