

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 324

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the Hope Resource Center of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor those exemplary organizations that are committed to improving the lives of the women and children of Tennessee and the quality of life in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, one such organization is Knoxville's Hope Resource Center, which, for the past twenty years, has provided health, counseling, and financial services to women facing the challenges that accompany the miracle of childbirth; and

WHEREAS, since the organization's founding in 1997, the administration and staff of Hope have remained faithful to Hope's mission statement: Empowering healthy choices for life by providing compassionate, holistic reproductive health care; and

WHEREAS, caring deeply for and compassionately supporting each patient, Hope Resource Center provides pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, STD testing and treatment, parenting education, mentoring, material assistance, and baby showers at no cost to its patients; and

WHEREAS, in the past twenty years, Hope has served 25,000 patients, conducted approximately 1,000 baby showers for first-time mothers, and partnered with approximately 10,000 individuals and 200 churches; and

WHEREAS, with the help of these generous partners, Hope is blessed to provide services valued at nearly \$600,000 each year without the costs thereof ever being passed on to the patient or taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating its commitment to excellence in patient care, Hope earned accreditation through the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care in 2014 by raising its standard of care to meet over 500 industry standards; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Hope Resource Center serve, cherish, and protect mothers and their babies every single day, and their amazing work should be appropriately recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the Hope Resource Center of Knoxville, salute its administration and staff for their ongoing commitment to helping mothers and their babies, and wish these dedicated professionals all the best in their future endeavors.

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