



HR0643

LRB102 26029 MST 35460 r

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, February 18, 2022 marks National Caregivers Day,  
3 created in 2015 to recognize in-home caregivers who provide  
4 personal care and support to enable millions of Americans who  
5 are aging or who have a disability to remain safe and healthy  
6 in their own homes; and

7 WHEREAS, Home care has emerged as a valuable solution to  
8 fill gaps created by traditional care models, including  
9 hospitals, nursing homes, and home health; and

10 WHEREAS, Professional caregivers work for licensed  
11 Illinois home care agencies and receive training to enable  
12 them to assist with activities of daily living, such as  
13 bathing, dressing, and meal preparation; and

14 WHEREAS, Professional caregivers provide vital  
15 companionship and mental stimulation by engaging their clients  
16 in conversation and other activities; and

17 WHEREAS, Professional caregivers help home bound  
18 individuals lead more independent lives, preventing falls and  
19 other common injuries, promoting medication adherence, and  
20 reducing social isolation; and

1           WHEREAS, Professional caregivers, who number nearly 4.6  
2 million in the United States, and family caregivers, who are  
3 estimated at 44 million, are lifelines to millions of  
4 Americans, keeping them safe, healthy, and engaged; and

5           WHEREAS, The home care industry is among the fastest  
6 growing healthcare industries in the U.S. and Illinois; and

7           WHEREAS, The Home Care Association Illinois Chapter  
8 continuously advocates on behalf of providers and professional  
9 caregivers who have been essential in the fight against  
10 COVID-19; and

11           WHEREAS, Caregivers have faced the challenge of COVID-19,  
12 not only caring for their clients but also risking their own  
13 personal health and safety while doing so; and

14           WHEREAS, Home care workers enable families to stay  
15 together at home safely and with dignity as they age;  
16 therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
18 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 we declare February 18, 2022 as "Illinois Caregiver Day"; and  
20 be it further

1           RESOLVED, That we express our gratitude to caregivers for  
2 their unwavering commitment to the care of their clients and  
3 families, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic; and be it  
4 further

5           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 delivered to the Governor and the Director of the Illinois  
7 Department of Public Health.