Expressing support for designation of March 1 as “National Healthcare Professional Appreciation Day” in commemoration of the day the first American healthcare professional became infected with COVID-19 while caring for a patient.

Whereas healthcare professionals have put saving and caring for others above their own personal health and safety;

Whereas healthcare professionals have gone above and beyond their call of duty to help stem the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (in this resolution referred to as “COVID-19”) through treating and testing millions of Americans and by performing vaccine research;
Whereas healthcare professionals have saved thousands of lives during the COVID-19 pandemic with their selfless care;

Whereas through these unprecedented times healthcare professionals have continued to treat and comfort those most affected by COVID-19 even when those professionals have not had access to adequate personal protective equipment;

Whereas over 10,000 healthcare professionals have tested positive for COVID-19;

Whereas brave healthcare professionals have left their families daily to tend to those in need, and some have not seen their loved ones for extended periods of time;

Whereas many healthcare professionals have been working around the clock, seven days a week;

Whereas hundreds of healthcare professionals have lost their lives to COVID-19; and

Whereas February 29, 2020, a leap day, was the date on which the first healthcare professional was infected with COVID-19: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the designation of “National Healthcare Professional Appreciation Day”; and

(2) acknowledges the heroism and sacrifice of healthcare professionals in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic.