

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. RES. 991

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.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 4, 2020

Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, and Ms. UNDERWOOD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

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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

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

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

4               (2) acknowledges the heroism and sacrifice of  
5       healthcare professionals in addressing the COVID-  
6       19 pandemic.

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