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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of Federal and State funded in-home care for the elderly.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS of Florida submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of Federal and State funded in-home care for the elderly.

Whereas Federal and State financial assistance is provided for nursing home care under the medicaid program for elderly patients;

Whereas studies document improved outcomes and better quality of care and life for elderly patients who are furnished health care in the patients' homes in contrast to nursing homes;

Whereas there are only a few programs under which Federal or State financial assistance is provided for in-home care for elderly patients;

Whereas whatever Federal or State financial assistance that is available for in-home care is insufficient to support 24-hour care for elderly patients;

Whereas home health agencies may hire home health aides but not require any structured education or training for the aides;

Whereas an individual may sit for the certified nurse assistant examination without the need for any formal education and training;

Whereas there is little or no supervision of caregivers when placed in the home of an elderly patient to care for the patient; and

Whereas in-home care benefits not only our parents and grandparents, but also our children and grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) Federal and State financial assistance for
4 in-home care should be increased to an elderly pa-
5 tient once it is determined that the patient is in
6 need of in-home nursing care; and

7 (2) better treatment and guidelines are required
8 for students and schools who train certified nurse
9 assistants and home health aides.

