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Recognizing caregiving as a profession and the extraordinary contributions
of paid and family caregivers.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. JOHANNIS (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing caregiving as a profession and the extraordinary
contributions of paid and family caregivers.

Whereas 10,000 individuals in the United States turn 65
years old each day;

Whereas it is estimated that 40,000,000 individuals in the
United States, 13 percent of the population of the United
States, are 65 years of age or older;

Whereas in 2056, for the first time, the population of individuals in the United States who are age 65 or older is projected to outnumber the population of individuals in the United States who are under age 18;

Whereas by 2060, the population of individuals in the United States who are age 65 or older is projected to increase from 1 out of 7 individuals to 1 out of 5 individuals;

Whereas the population of individuals in the United States who are age 85 or older is projected to increase from 5,900,000 to 18,200,000 by 2060;

Whereas the population of individuals in the United States who are age 85 or older is projected to comprise 4.3 percent of the total population of the United States by 2060;

Whereas more than 5,000,000 individuals in the United States have Alzheimer's disease;

Whereas by 2050, as many as 16,000,000 individuals in the United States are projected to have Alzheimer's disease;

Whereas it is estimated that 60 percent to 70 percent of individuals in the United States who have Alzheimer's disease or dementia live at home, and such individuals may need assistance in their homes with activities of daily living;

Whereas 1 out of 5 individuals in the United States who are older than 65 years of age need assistance from a caregiver to complete activities of daily living;

Whereas in order to address the surging population of seniors who have significant needs for in-home care, the field of senior caregiving must continue to grow;

Whereas it is estimated that there are 65,700,000 adults in the United States who provide care to an individual who is ill, disabled, or aged;

Whereas it is estimated that there are 1,800,000 paid caregivers in the United States;

Whereas both unpaid family caregivers and paid caregivers work together to serve the daily living needs of seniors who live in their own homes;

Whereas employment of caregivers is projected to grow 49 percent from 2012 to 2022, much faster than the projected average growth of all occupations; and

Whereas as a senior is able to assume responsibility for more of his or her own care, the burden on public payment systems in the Federal government and State governments decreases: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) recognizes the valuable contributions of
4 caregivers;

5 (2) supports paid caregivers, the private home
6 care industry, and the efforts of family caregivers in
7 the United States by encouraging individuals to pro-
8 vide care to family, friends, and neighbors;

9 (3) encourages accessible and affordable self-di-
10 rected care for seniors;

11 (4) should review Federal programs that ad-
12 dress the needs of seniors and the family caregivers
13 of seniors; and

14 (5) encourages the Secretary of Health and
15 Human Services to continue efforts to educate the
16 people of the United States on the impact of aging
17 and the importance of knowing the options available
18 to seniors when seniors need care to meet their per-
19 sonal needs.