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H. RES. 1591

Recognizing November 2024 as “National Family Caregivers Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, and Ms. NORTON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Recognizing November 2024 as “National Family Caregivers Month”.

Whereas, in 2020, over 53,000,000 family caregivers in the United States provide essential care to millions of people each year, providing unpaid care worth an estimated \$600,000,000,000 annually;

Whereas family caregivers play a vital role in the health care system of the United States, supporting loved ones who have chronic illnesses, disabilities, and are aging;

Whereas family caregivers, who are disproportionately women of color and include grandparents who care for children

when parents are unable to do so, often face significant challenges including financial strain, physical and emotional exhaustion, and social isolation;

Whereas the number of family caregivers is projected to rapidly increase due to growing populations of older adults and people with disabilities, the long-standing shortage of direct care workers, and the lack of affordable, accessible child care for children with disabilities; and

Whereas “National Family Caregivers Month” is an opportunity to recognize and appreciate the contributions of family caregivers of all ages and to advocate for policies that support family caregivers: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes “National Family Caregivers
3 Month”;

4 (2) commends the over 53,000,000 family care-
5 givers in the United States who provide essential
6 care to their loved ones and chosen family each day;

7 (3) encourages Federal agencies, States, and
8 the private sector to swiftly implement the remain-
9 ing steps and build upon the current progress of the
10 steps described in the 2022 National Strategy to
11 Support Family Caregivers;

12 (4) encourages policies and strategies to sup-
13 port family caregivers as person- and family- cen-
14 tered, trauma-informed, and culturally appropriate;

15 (5) urges investment in policies that support
16 family caregivers, including—

- 1 (A) economic tax credits;
2 (B) paid family and medical leave;
3 (C) respite care;
4 (D) home and community-based services;
5 and
6 (E) access to quality health care; and
7 (6) encourages all people of the United States
8 to learn more about family caregiving and to support
9 their loved ones and neighbors who are providing
10 care.

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