

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 79

Reps. Roth, Alexander, Arbit, BeGole, Bezotte, Bierlein, Breen, Glanville, Haadsma, Hope, Morse and Schuette offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 2023 as Home Care Awareness
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, The people of Michigan values the rights of its
4 citizens to live as free and independent as possible into their
5 elder years; and

6 Whereas, Evidence suggests that programs that support aging at
7 home may yield cost savings for families, government, and health
8 systems; and

9 Whereas, Aging at home has been shown to have health and
10 emotional benefits over institutional care; and

1 Whereas, The United States' ongoing demographic shift toward
2 an increasingly older population, along with the fact that 76
3 percent of Americans over age 50 wish to remain in their homes for
4 as long as possible; and

5 Whereas, Professional caregivers who number nearly 4.6 million
6 in the United States and family caregivers estimated at 44 million
7 are lifelines to millions of Americans who need assistance with
8 medical, personal, and end of life care; and

9 Whereas, Caregiving has been proclaimed the ultimate form of
10 love and respect and as a country we should support and demonstrate
11 our gratitude for caregivers and their role in fulfilling an
12 individual's desire to remain at home; and

13 Whereas, Promoting aging in place may also create systemic
14 cost savings for the Medicare and Medicaid programs since these
15 programs pay for the majority of long-term care today; and

16 Whereas, Michigan could reduce its existing long-term care
17 costs considerably by promoting aging at home with the aid of in-
18 home personal care service providers; now, therefore, be it

19 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
20 this legislative body declare April 2023 as Home Care Awareness
21 Month in the state of Michigan. We urge Michigan citizens to learn
22 more about how the Home Care Association of America can help them
23 or family members choose a provider in order to remain at home and
24 lower the cost of care for Michigan's growing elderly population.