**House Resolution**

**National Caregivers Day**

WHEREAS, February 19 marks the National Caregivers Day holiday for 2021, Created in 2015, the holiday serves to recognize caregivers across the country whose compassionate care enables millions of Americans who are aging or who have a disability to remain as independent as possible in their own homes; and

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

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

WHEREAS, The home care industry is among the fastest growing healthcare industries in the United States and the Home Care Association [State] Chapter continuously advocates on behalf of our frontline caregivers who have been essential in the fight against COVID-19; and

WHEREAS Caregivers have stepped up to the challenge of COVID-19 not only caring for their clients but also risking their own personal health and safety while doing so; and

WHEREAS, Home care workers allow families to stay together at home safely, and with dignity, as they age; and

RESOLVED, BY THE [STATE] HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF [STATE], that we declare February 19, 2021 as [State] Caregiver Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we express our gratitude to caregivers for their unwavering commitment to the care of their clients and families especially during the COVID-19 pandemic; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to the Governor of [State] and the Director of the [State] Department of Public Health.