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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 561

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*Commending the Service Employees International Union Virginia 512 Home Care chapter.*

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WHEREAS, the Service Employees International Union Virginia 512 Home Care chapter represents Virginia's home care providers, who as essential workers, have provided hands-on care to those most at risk from COVID-19: older adults and people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, members of Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Virginia 512 and other home care providers have continued going to work during the COVID-19 pandemic to keep their patients healthy and safe; and

WHEREAS, home care providers play a vital role in keeping older adults and people with disabilities out of nursing homes, where the virus has had devastating impacts; and

WHEREAS, SEIU Virginia 512 has worked diligently to address many of the challenges facing home care providers before and during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, ninety percent of home care providers are women; a majority are black, indigenous, or people of color; and nearly one-third are immigrants; and

WHEREAS, home care providers make poverty wages, often without paid leave, health care, or other benefits; and

WHEREAS, home care providers are essential to supporting local families and keeping Virginia's economy strong; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to ensure that all home care providers have access to paid leave, hazard pay, health care, and personal protective equipment during and after the COVID-19 pandemic; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Service Employees International Union Virginia 512 Home Care chapter hereby be commended for its work to support and advocate for home care providers; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Service Employees International Union Virginia 512 Home Care chapter as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the hard work and dedication of home care providers throughout the Commonwealth.

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