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Commending long-term caregivers.

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WHEREAS, long-term caregivers have admirably served the Commonwealth by providing quality and compassionate care on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, long-term caregivers are heroes who have faced great challenges managing the COVID-19 pandemic as they are typically working in congregate living facilities with older patient populations who are more vulnerable to the disease; and

WHEREAS, with more deaths from the virus in nursing homes and assisted living residences than anywhere else in the Commonwealth, congregate living facilities have been the most dangerous place to contract COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, long-term caregivers have worked with Governor Ralph S. Northam's Virginia COVID-19 Long-Term Care Task Force to ensure that all facilities have adequate staffing and resources in place to provide proper care; and

WHEREAS, long-term caregivers, in collaboration with the local health districts of the Virginia Department of Health, acquired personal protective equipment and trained colleagues to fit test N95 respirators to limit the spread of infection at facilities; and

WHEREAS, long-term caregivers have often gone unseen by the general public for their remarkable actions and sacrifices during the COVID-19 pandemic, but they nonetheless have worked long hours, driven across the Commonwealth to volunteer for shifts, and exposed themselves directly to the deadly virus to fulfill essential job responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, facing incredible anguish and sorrow, long-term caregivers have shown great resilience in the face of tragedy to ensure the health and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating a tireless commitment to the health and well-being of their residents, long-term caregivers are an inspiration to all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That long-term caregivers hereby be commended for heroically serving citizens of the Commonwealth during the COVID-19 pandemic; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to representatives of long-term caregivers as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for their contributions to the Commonwealth.

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