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## 1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging  
3 Congress to support federally funded and state-funded home  
4 and community-based services for individuals with  
5 disabilities of any age, especially elders.  
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7 WHEREAS, federal and state financial assistance is provided  
8 for nursing home care under the Medicare and Medicaid programs  
9 for elders and individuals with disabilities, and

10 WHEREAS, home and community-based services are a valuable  
11 cost-effective alternative to institutional care which benefit  
12 both the individual receiving such services and the federal and  
13 state programs that fund such services, and

14 WHEREAS, studies document that elders and individuals with  
15 disabilities who receive health care in the their homes or other  
16 community settings in contrast to those who receive care in a  
17 nursing home experience improved outcomes, quality of care, and  
18 quality of life, and

19 WHEREAS, publicly funded programs that cover home and  
20 community-based services for elders and individuals with  
21 disabilities are limited, and

22 WHEREAS, federal and state programs provide limited support  
23 for home and community-based services that serve as an  
24 alternative to institutional care, and

25 WHEREAS, support is needed to develop consistent quality  
26 assurance measures for home and community-based services, and

27 WHEREAS, individuals receiving home and community-based  
28 services deserve an assurance of protection from abuse and

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29 neglect, and

30 WHEREAS, home and community-based services benefit not only  
 31 our parents and grandparents, but also our children and  
 32 grandchildren, NOW, THEREFORE,

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34 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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36 That the Congress of the United States is urged to:

37 (1) Increase federal financial assistance and encourage  
 38 states to increase financial assistance for, and broaden access  
 39 to, publicly supported home and community-based services for  
 40 elders and individuals with disabilities; and

41 (2) Implement on the federal and state level more unified  
 42 training and supervision standards for certified nurse  
 43 assistants and home health aides.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
 45 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the  
 46 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the  
 47 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of  
 48 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.