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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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04/06/2009	.	
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The Committee on Health Regulation (Aronberg) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the resolving clause
and insert:

That the Congress of the United States is urged to:

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

(2) Implement on the federal and state level more unified



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12 training and supervision standards for certified nurse
13 assistants and home health aides.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
16 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
17 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
18 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

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21 And the title is amended as follows:

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23 Delete everything before the resolving clause
24 and insert:

25 House Memorial

26 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
27 urging Congress to support federally funded and state-
28 funded home and community-based services for
29 individuals with disabilities of any age, especially
30 elders.

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32 WHEREAS, federal and state financial assistance is provided
33 for nursing home care under the Medicare and Medicaid programs
34 for elders and individuals with disabilities, and

35 WHEREAS, home and community-based services are a valuable
36 cost-effective alternative to institutional care which benefit
37 both the individual receiving such services and the federal and
38 state programs that fund such services, and

39 WHEREAS, studies document that elders and individuals with
40 disabilities who receive health care in the their homes or other



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41 community settings in contrast to those who receive care in a
42 nursing home experience improved outcomes, quality of care, and
43 quality of life, and

44 WHEREAS, publicly funded programs that cover home and
45 community-based services for elders and individuals with
46 disabilities are limited, and

47 WHEREAS, federal and state programs provide limited support
48 for home and community-based services that serve as an
49 alternative to institutional care, and

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

52 WHEREAS, individuals receiving home and community-based
53 services deserve an assurance of protection from abuse and
54 neglect, and

55 WHEREAS, home and community-based services benefit not only
56 our parents and grandparents, but also our children and
57 grandchildren, NOW, THEREFORE,