

CHAPTER 222

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5011

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION expressing the Legislature's recognition and appreciation for family caregivers throughout the state.

WHEREAS, The majority of community-based and home-based services are provided by family members; and

WHEREAS, A growing number of grandparents are carrying out the role of primary caregiver for their grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, An increasing number of adult children, spouses and other family members are caring for a growing number of frail elders and permanently disabled persons; and

WHEREAS, These caregivers are devoted individuals who often assume responsibilities for several generations of family members; and

WHEREAS, Many of these caregivers hold full-time jobs in addition to their caregiving responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Caregiving is frequently physically demanding and emotionally draining, affecting the health of the caregiver; and

WHEREAS, These caregivers are, themselves, in need of supportive services; and

WHEREAS, These caregiving services are of inestimable value, the cost of which is beyond the ability of the state to fund: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein:* That the Legislature expresses its recognition and appreciation of Kansas' family caregivers and extends such recognition and appreciation to them.

*Be it further resolved:* That copies of this resolution be transmitted to family caregivers throughout the state via the State departments on aging and social and rehabilitation services.

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State is directed to send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Secretary of Aging and to the Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

Adopted by the House March 2, 2006.

Adopted by the Senate March 21, 2006.

---