

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 72

Reps. Roth, Kahle, Beeler, Sneller, Thanedar, Breen, Clemente, Garza, Haadsma, Kahle, Kuppa, Morse, Shannon, Stone and Whitsett offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare April 2021 as Home Care Awareness  
2       Month in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, Michigan values the rights of its citizens to live as  
4       free and independent as possible into their elder years; and

5       Whereas, Evidence suggests that programs that support aging at  
6       home may yield cost savings for families, government, and health  
7       systems; and

8       Whereas, Aging at home has been shown to have health and  
9       emotional benefits over institutional care; and

10       Whereas, The United States has an ongoing demographic shift  
11       toward an increasingly older population, along with the fact that

1 76 percent of Americans over age 50 wish to remain in their homes  
2 for as long as possible; and

3 Whereas, Professional caregivers who number nearly 4.6 million  
4 in the United States and family caregivers estimated at 44 million  
5 are lifelines to millions of Americans who need assistance with  
6 medical, personal, and end of life care; and

7 Whereas, Caregiving has been proclaimed the ultimate form of  
8 love and respect and as a country we should support and demonstrate  
9 our gratitude for caregivers and their role in fulfilling an  
10 individual's desire to remain at home; and

11 Whereas, Promoting aging in place may also create systemic  
12 cost savings for the Medicare and Medicaid programs since these  
13 programs pay for the majority of long-term care today; and

14 Whereas, Our state could reduce its existing long-term care  
15 costs considerably by promoting aging at home with the aid of in-  
16 home personal care service providers; now, therefore, be it

17 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
18 this legislative body declare April 2021 as Home Care Awareness  
19 Month in the state of Michigan. We urge Michigan citizens to learn  
20 more about how they or their family members can choose a provider  
21 in order to remain at home and lower the cost of care for  
22 Michigan's growing elderly population.