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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Family caregivers of all ages and the direct-care workforce provide critical support and services that promote the well-being and enhance the quality of life of the State's older adults and those with chronic illnesses and disabilities; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Family Caregiver Coalition is a diverse, statewide, nonpartisan group made up of more than 400 members, including family caregivers and aging/disability community partners and leaders from AARP Illinois, the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter, Rush University, Health & Medicine Policy Research Group, the Coordinated Care Alliance, and many more; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Family Caregiver Coalition is led by the Illinois Area Agencies on Aging, representing the network of State Caregiver Resource Centers that serve family caregivers throughout Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Family Caregiver Coalition aims to support unpaid family caregivers and to serve as their voice in Springfield and Washington, D.C. to improve programs, services, and resources for these unsung heroes; and

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1 WHEREAS, AARP Illinois estimates that approximately 1.3
2 million Illinois residents serve as unpaid family caregivers
3 for their loved ones, providing an estimated \$21 billion in
4 unpaid care annually; family caregivers provide a broad range
5 of assistance, including helping with personal care,
6 medical/nursing tasks, medication management, care
7 coordination, transportation, and financial support; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2021, the estimated economic value of family
9 caregivers' unpaid contributions nationally was approximately
10 \$600 billion, a figure based on about 38 million caregivers
11 providing an average of 18 hours of care per week for a total
12 of 36 billion hours of care at an average value of \$16.59 per
13 hour; and

14 WHEREAS, The responsibilities of family caregiving often
15 lead to physical, emotional, and financial challenges, and
16 many caregivers report difficulty maintaining their own health
17 and well-being; the number of family caregivers continues to
18 grow as our population ages, with more than one in five
19 Americans now serving as caregivers; and

20 WHEREAS, Family caregivers increasingly include younger
21 generations, with 29% being millennials or Gen Zers,
22 highlighting the changing demographics of caregiving; and

1 WHEREAS, Family caregivers often must balance employment
2 with their caregiving responsibilities, leading to workplace
3 challenges and economic impacts; supporting family caregivers
4 is vital to maintaining our healthcare system and ensuring
5 quality care for our most vulnerable residents; and

6 WHEREAS, In February 2025, the Illinois Family Caregiver
7 Coalition, led by the Illinois Area Agencies on Aging and
8 Illinois AARP, created the first-ever Illinois legislative
9 Caregiving Caucus, inviting all State legislators and
10 coalition members to participate; and

11 WHEREAS, Across the country, November is recognized as
12 National Family Caregiver Month, serving as a time to elevate
13 the voices of America's 53 million family caregivers;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare November
17 2025 as Family Caregiver Month in the State of Illinois.