

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 93

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Sunday, May 12th as Caregiver Awareness Day in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Sunday, May 12, 2013, as Caregiver Awareness Day in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, children and adults with disabilities, as well as adults aging in place,  
4 require help with their daily activities, and this help is often provided by a loved one who  
5 becomes their primary caregiver; and

6 WHEREAS, such caregiving often begins as occasional assistance but within five  
7 years becomes a full-time activity for the volunteer caregiver; and

8 WHEREAS, with compassion and a deep sense of responsibility, caregivers devote  
9 their time, energy, and financial resources to care for their loved one in need so that the latter  
10 can remain at home and as independent as possible; and

11 WHEREAS, caregivers often pay an emotional, physical, and financial price for  
12 juggling the demands of home, work, and personal life with the special needs of their loved  
13 one; and

14 WHEREAS, the average caregiver carries this burden alone and often without  
15 support in fulfilling their labor of love, thus depriving them of the leisure time needed to  
16 recharge their batteries; and

17 WHEREAS, the typical Louisiana caregiver is a middle-aged working woman  
18 providing full-time caregiving support to an aging mother.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Mother's Day, Sunday, March 12, 2013, as  
21 Caregivers Awareness Day in order that Louisiana citizens may promote assistance to those

1 who need a break from their caregiver duties, and recognizes that such help can be received  
2 from organizations such as the Council on Aging, the LouisianaAnswers.com website, and  
3 other participants in the Louisiana Lifespan Respite Coalition.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature  
5 of Louisiana does further commend caregivers for their vital role in ensuring that those  
6 affected by disability live with grace, dignity, love, and independence within their homes.

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DIGEST

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Recognizes Sunday, May 12, 2013, as Caregiver Awareness Day in La. and recognizes caregivers and those who provide help to caregivers.