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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 93

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

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

A RESOLUTION

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES