

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 45

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Community Provider Association for serving citizens with disabilities and to recognize the week of April 4, 2016, as Community Provider Association week at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, services to individuals with disabilities are referred to generally as "long-term supports and services"; and

WHEREAS, long-term supports and services include assistance with activities of daily living such as getting dressed, taking medication, preparing meals, and managing money; and

WHEREAS, long-term supports and services are critical for individuals with disabilities to reach their highest potential in terms of health, education, employment, and overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, community providers are agencies that provide a spectrum of long-term supports and services to individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, these supports and services include, without limitation, the following:

- (1) Case management and support coordination.
- (2) In-home supports and services.
- (3) Residential and facility-based supports.
- (4) Day habilitation and community access training.
- (5) Extended follow-along and support in the competitive job market; and

WHEREAS, community providers serve individuals of all ages including newborns receiving early intervention services, school-age children, transition-age youth, working adults, and those who are aging; and

WHEREAS, the Community Provider Association was created in 2014 through the merging of three other associations, and is now the largest organization of its kind in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, collectively, the members of the Community Provider Association serve over twelve thousand individuals with disabilities in this state and employ over ten thousand Louisiana workers; and

WHEREAS, the Community Provider Association promotes optimal funding, program integrity, and public policy enabling its members to deliver quality services to people with disabilities in all community-based service models; and

WHEREAS, the Community Provider Association encourages the professional growth of community providers and promotes the highest standards of quality and ethics; and

WHEREAS, the Community Provider Association provides current and relevant information to its member agencies, and also serves as a vehicle and a forum for the unified expression of opinions and positions by providers upon matters or events of concern to the provider community overall; and

WHEREAS, with an increase in the number of children being diagnosed with autism and an increasing aging population, disability services providers will play an increasingly significant role in improving the health, education, recreation, and employment opportunities for Louisiana citizens in the future.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Community Provider Association and its member organizations for serving citizens with disabilities in our state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the week of April 4, 2016, as Community Provider Association week at the state capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the executive director of the Community Provider Association.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES