

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY SENATOR MILLS

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Community Provider Association for their commitment to serving Louisiana's citizens with developmental disabilities and to recognize April 4 through 8, 2016, as Community Provider Association Week at the Louisiana State Senate.

WHEREAS, a wide range of services to individuals with disabilities are referred to as long term supports and services; and

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

WHEREAS, long term supports and services are critical for individuals with disabilities to reach their maximum 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 ranging from case management and support coordination and home supports and services in residential settings and facility-based supports, and from day habilitation and community access training to extended support in the competitive job market; and

WHEREAS, the Community Provider Association was created in 2014 by merging three associations, becoming the largest provider group of its kind in Louisiana; and

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

WHEREAS, the association works for optimal funding of these services for their clients, program integrity and public policy that enable its members to deliver quality services to people with disabilities in all community based service models; and

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

WHEREAS, the association provides a vehicle and a forum for the unified expression of opinions and positions by community providers on matters or events of concern to community providers; and

WHEREAS, the Community Provider Association provides current, relevant information to its member agencies; and

WHEREAS, with an increase in the number of children being diagnosed with Autism-spectrum disorders and an aging population, disability service providers will play an ever increasingly significant role in improving the quality of life for many Louisiana citizens in the future.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Community Provider Association for their commitment to serving Louisiana's citizens with developmental disabilities and recognize April 4 through 8, 2016, as Community Provider Association Week at the Louisiana State Senate.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE