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Expressing support for designation of the week beginning May 9, 2010, as National Nursing Home Week.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ARCURI submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

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- Whereas more than 1,500,000 elderly and disabled individuals receive care daily in the nearly 16,000 nursing facilities in the United States;
- Whereas the annual celebration of National Nursing Home Week invites people in communities nationwide to recognize nursing home residents and staff for their contributions to their communities;
- Whereas the theme for National Nursing Home Week in 2010 is "Enriching Every Day", honoring those who are "Enriching Every Day" for others, thus adding value to life and overcoming many of the infirmities of age and disability;

- Whereas nursing homes are intimate communities where acts of caring, kindness, and respect are the norm;
- Whereas the positive bond that naturally develops between patients and their caregivers is established, patients experience not only better physical care and healing, but also enrichment of the mind, heart, and spirit, which is an affirmation of their value;
- Whereas National Nursing Home Week recognizes the people who provide care to the Nation's most vulnerable population; and
- Whereas the week beginning May 9, 2010, would be an appropriate week to designate as National Nursing Home Week: Now, therefore, be it
- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) supports the designation of a National
 3 Nursing Home Week;
- 4 (2) recognizes that a majority of people in the
 5 United States, because of social needs, disability,
 6 trauma, or illness, will require long-term care serv7 ices at some point in their lives;
- 8 (3) honors nursing home patients and the peo-9 ple who care for them each day, including family 10 members, volunteers, and dedicated long-term care 11 professionals, for their contributions to their commu-12 nities and the United States; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States
 to observe National Nursing Home Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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