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Expressing support for frontline workers of the COVID–19 pandemic.

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Mr. CARBAJAL (for himself, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. BROWN, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. HILL, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. COSTA, Mr. CÁRDENAS, and Mr. VARGAS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for frontline workers of the COVID–
19 pandemic.

Whereas Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) data show that as of January 26, 2021, there are more than 25,000,000 confirmed cases of COVID–19 and more than 400,000 deaths from COVID–19 in the United States and growing;

Whereas all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the United States Virgin Islands have reported cases of COVID–19;

Whereas the World Health Organization 2006 World Health Report defines a health care worker as an individual whose job it is to protect and improve the health of their

community and to make important contributions, and who is critical to the functioning of most health systems;

Whereas the COVID–19 pandemic has rapidly intensified the daily lives of health care workers;

Whereas public health experts report the United States continues to face a shortage of health care providers as cases of COVID–19 escalate;

Whereas first responders, including firefighters, emergency medical technicians, law enforcement, and other emergency management personnel, are facing unprecedented challenges to stay healthy and serve their communities;

Whereas grocery and food service workers across the Nation are working to meet the essential demands of keeping shelves stocked and preparing food for the United States amid COVID–19, while facing a greater infection risk from higher levels of public interaction;

Whereas, as cases of COVID–19 spread, farmworkers continue working hard in the fields to harvest the produce that feeds families across America every day;

Whereas public works employees, including sanitization personnel, continue to keep our streets and public spaces clean;

Whereas postal and delivery workers continue to keep their delivery operations working as part of the Nation’s critical infrastructure by delivering medicines, Social Security checks, and other essential goods;

Whereas access to a COVID–19 vaccine is an important component to ensuring that essential workers can safely function at their worksites;

Whereas many States continue to experience logistical problems in vaccine administration and distribution, with only 53 percent of distributed doses having been administered and many States falling behind their original vaccination plan timelines; and

Whereas a March 19, 2020, Guidance Memo issued by the Department of Homeland Security recognized health care providers, first responders, public safety and law enforcement officers, workers supporting groceries, and farmworkers as being part of an “Essential Critical Infrastructure” workforce: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors and recognizes the contributions of
3 all frontline workers and essential critical infrastruc-
4 ture personnel; and

5 (2) reaffirms the responsibility of Congress to
6 find ways to meet the needs of frontline workers, in
7 addition to our elderly, for the most effective per-
8 sonal protective equipment and other necessary tools
9 to safely carry out their jobs.

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