

**Introduced by Senator Hall
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 85—Relative to the Nursing Home Caregiver Professionals and Long Term Care Provider Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 85, as introduced, Hall. Nursing Home Caregiver Professionals and Long Term Care Provider Month.

This measure would recognize the month of November 2015 as the Nursing Home Caregiver Professionals and Long Term Care Provider Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, There are 136,000 skilled nursing home
- 2 professionals in California, of which 47,000 workers deliver quality
- 3 institutional care to our most vulnerable residents, including
- 4 seniors, adults, and children with disabilities in California; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The number of seniors requiring long term care
- 6 will drastically increase as the number of Californians who are 65
- 7 years of age or older is estimated to grow to nine million people
- 8 in the next 15 years; and
- 9 WHEREAS, All nursing home residents deserve quality care
- 10 and their direct care professionals merit a safe working environment
- 11 to help individuals recover from surgery and heal from trauma;
- 12 and

1 WHEREAS, Nursing home caregivers provide essential services
2 to residents that maintain the highest practicable physical, mental,
3 and psychosocial well being of the people they serve; and
4 WHEREAS, A fundamental part of providing quality long term
5 care is having a sufficient number of direct care staff available to
6 build rapport with consumers and treat consumers in a dignified
7 manner; and
8 WHEREAS, The work of nursing home caregivers often goes
9 unnoticed, as do the financial struggles caregivers and their families
10 experience in order to provide this lifeline service to those in need;
11 and
12 WHEREAS, Increasing the number of nursing home caregivers
13 in facilities across the state is an integral part of quality care; and
14 WHEREAS, Providing long-term care workers with a living
15 wage will generate the demand for goods and services in the local
16 economy, stimulate increased employment opportunities, and drive
17 workers and their families one step closer to getting out of poverty;
18 now, therefore, be it
19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
20 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature recognizes the month of
21 November 2015 as Nursing Home Caregiver Professionals and
22 Long Term Care Provider Month, and that the Legislature stands
23 united with nursing home direct care professionals, acknowledging
24 the essential work and contributions they bring to counties and
25 cities of the state and supporting their efforts to lift themselves
26 and their communities out of poverty; and be it further
27 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
28 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.