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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 129

RECOGNIZING THE HISTORIC SACRIFICES AND ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS OF DELAWARE'S DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS SERVING VULNERABLE ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

1 WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals serve people with disabilities and other life challenges with dedication
2 and distinction so they may live their best lives; and

3 WHEREAS, thousands of vulnerable adults continue to require the community-based services for these essential
4 workers who are employed by non-profit organizations like Mosaic in Delaware, Easterseals, KenCrest, Forward Journey,
5 ServiceSource, and others; and

6 WHEREAS, the need for additional Direct Support Professionals staffing in community service providers far
7 outweighs the current workforce; and

8 WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals are trained and highly skilled healthcare employees; and

9 WHEREAS, the Direct Support Professionals are not minimum wage workers; and

10 WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals need greater pay that is commiserate with the level of skill and
11 professionalism their work requires; and

12 WHEREAS, the General Assembly has expressed its support for the work done by Direct Support Professionals by
13 including additional funds to stabilize this workforce in previous state budgets; and

14 WHEREAS, "Direct Support Professional Advocacy Day" to acknowledge the need recognizes Direct Support
15 Professionals as healthcare professionals by increasing funding of Intellectual/Developmental Disability (I/DD) services,
16 co-sponsored by Ability Network of Delaware and A Team Delaware, is taking place on May 21, 2024.

17 NOW, THEREFORE:

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the
19 Senate concurring therein, that the General Assembly hereby recognizes the important role that Direct Support

20 Professionals play in meeting the human service needs of our citizens and expresses its sincere gratitude to these essential
21 workers for their commitment to serving their fellow human beings.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution recognizes the importance and expertise of Direct Support Professionals to the State of Delaware on the occasion of May 21st as “Direct Support Professional” Advocacy Day, co-sponsored by the Ability Network of Delaware A Team Delaware.