A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION expressing the Legislature's recognition and appreciation for family caregivers throughout the state.

WHEREAS, The majority of community-based and home-based services are provided by family members; and

WHEREAS, A growing number of grandparents are carrying out the role of primary caregiver for their grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, An increasing number of adult children, spouses and other family members are caring for a growing number of frail elders and permanently disabled persons; and

WHEREAS, These caregivers are devoted individuals who often assume responsibilities for several generations of family members; and

WHEREAS, Many of these caregivers hold full-time jobs in addition to their caregiving responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Caregiving is frequently physically demanding and emotionally draining, affecting the health of the caregiver; and

WHEREAS, These caregivers are, themselves, in need of supportive services; and

WHEREAS, These caregiving services are of inestimable value, the cost of which is beyond the ability of the state to fund: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: That the Legislature expresses its recognition and appreciation of Kansas' family caregivers and extends such recognition and appreciation to them.

Be it further resolved: That copies of this resolution be transmitted to family caregivers throughout the state via the State departments on aging and social and rehabilitation services.

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State is directed to send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Secretary of Aging and to the Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

I hereby certify that the above CONCURRENT RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Adopted by the SENATE ____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.