

Honolulu, Hawaii

Apr: 120, 2006

RE: S.C.R. No. 204
S.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services and Health, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 204, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH AS
CAREGIVERS' MONTH IN HAWAII,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to designate the month of March as Caregiver's Month in Hawaii and to proclaim the worthy deeds of all caregivers as a lasting memorial to their continuing service to humanity.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State of Hawaii Executive Office on Aging and the Adult Foster Home Association.


Your Committee recognizes that caregivers sacrifice much to provide the ongoing continuum of care to the people of Hawaii, and wishes to assert for the record that the act of upholding one's fellow man in the arms of merciful service is inkeeping with the highest values of our Nation, our institution of democracy, and most of all, the compelling Words engraved upon the statue which stands at the footsteps of our own State Capitol which read,

"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

Your Committee further wishes to assert that the actions of caregivers stand as lasting examples to inspire both the citizens of Hawaii, the people of our United States of America, and the countless masses of tourists and visitors who come to our State to remember that we are all mortal, that while we inhabit this planet, we all are all interconnected and drawn into a mysterious network of life, and that most of all, our least common denominator is our need for one another. In this regard, your Committee recognizes that not only is recognition for the exemplary actions of caregivers long overdue, but that Caregivers' Month is a celebration not just for those who care, but for all mankind.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 204, S.D. 1, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Human Services
and Health,



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



for

ALEX M. SONSON, Chair

