

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1009

By: West (Tammy), Stark,
Turner, Pfeiffer, Cantrell,
Schreiber, Grego, George,
Provenzano, Hardin, Eaves,
Culver, Miller, Gise and
Pittman of the House

and

Hall of the Senate

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10 A Concurrent Resolution urging Oklahoma's
11 Congressional Delegation to support the Credit for
12 Caring Act for family caregivers.

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14 WHEREAS, family caregivers play a vital role in supporting loved
15 ones with long-term health needs, often bearing significant
16 financial and emotional burdens as they provide essential care; and

17 WHEREAS, the Credit for Caring Act seeks to provide a federal
18 tax credit of up to \$5,000 annually to working family caregivers,
19 helping to offset the high costs of caregiving and alleviating
20 financial strain; and

21 WHEREAS, Oklahoma is home to an estimated 490,000 family
22 caregivers who collectively contribute over \$6.6 billion in unpaid
23 care, providing critical support that allows many older Oklahomans
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1 to remain in his or her home rather than move to costly
2 institutional care facilities; and

3 WHEREAS, studies indicate that a significant number of family
4 caregivers nationwide report spending an average of more than \$7,000
5 per year out-of-pocket on expenses for his or her loved ones,
6 including transportation, medical equipment, home modifications, in-
7 home care services, and respite care; and

8 WHEREAS, a large percentage of Oklahoma family caregivers face
9 similar financial challenges, as they are often required to cover
10 out-of-pocket costs for caregiving services while balancing work and
11 caregiving responsibilities; and

12 WHEREAS, without the contributions of family caregivers, many
13 older citizens would likely face higher costs associated with
14 institutionalized care, ultimately shifting the financial burden to
15 taxpayers and the state; and

16 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature has already demonstrated
17 leadership by passing the nation's first comprehensive state-based
18 caregiver tax credit, recognizing the need for policy solutions that
19 support family caregivers; and

20 WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has expressed his support for
21 family caregivers, and Oklahoma Representative Tom Cole has co-
22 sponsored the Credit for Caring Act, we urge our Congressional
23 Delegation to follow their lead by supporting the Credit for Caring
24 Act at the federal level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT we, the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate, call upon Oklahoma's Congressional delegation to support and advocate for the passage of the Credit for Caring Act, which would provide much-needed financial relief to the hardworking family caregivers of Oklahoma and the nation, allowing them to continue their vital work without sacrificing their financial well-being.

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to members of Oklahoma's Congressional delegation in Washington, D.C.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 14th day of April,
2025.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the day of , 2025.

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