

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1009

By: West (Tammy), Stark,
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House

and

Hall of the Senate

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, studies indicate that a significant number of family caregivers nationwide report spending an average of more than \$7,000 per year out-of-pocket on expenses for his or her loved ones,

including transportation, medical equipment, home modifications, in-home care services, and respite care; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, because President Donald Trump has expressed his support for family caregivers, and Oklahoma Representative Tom Cole has co-sponsored the Credit for Caring Act, we urge our Congressional Delegation to follow their lead by supporting the Credit for Caring 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 29th day of April, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

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