

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONSENSUS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT
ADDITIONAL FUNDS SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO FUND AN EXPANDED
PROGRAM OF IN-HOME CARE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AS AN ALTERNATIVE
TO PLACEMENT OF SUCH CITIZENS IN MINIMAL CARE FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, many senior citizens in the State who are unable to completely care for themselves but need only minimal assistance prefer to remain in their homes rather than to move to minimal care facilities; and

WHEREAS, the in-home services program for the elderly makes it possible for many of those persons to remain in their homes but the financial standards currently prescribed for eligibility for in-home care services preclude many elderly persons who are financially marginal from eligibility for such services and it becomes necessary for them to move to institutional facilities; and

WHEREAS, the cost of maintaining and providing essential services for such persons in institutional facilities is much greater than the cost of providing such services as in-home services; and

WHEREAS, it appears that it would be in the best interests of all parties concerned if the financial eligibility standards for in-home care services were raised to permit more of the elderly to qualify for such services in their homes,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That it is the consensus of the House of Representatives that the financial eligibility standards for in-home care for the elderly should be made less restrictive in order that more elderly persons can qualify for such services and remain in their homes as an alternative to moving to nursing homes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House hereby urges the Arkansas Department of Human Services, the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the U. S. Congress to take appropriate steps to correct this situation at the earliest possible date.