

Rep. Stahl offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 215.**

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to provide full funding for the Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2006.

Whereas, The 109th Congress of the United States enacted landmark legislation to address health care challenges facing families all across our country. The Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2006, which the President signed as Public Law 109-442, amended the Public Health Services Act to establish a program to assist family caregivers in accessing affordable and high-quality respite care; and

Whereas, The Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2006 provides for a program that has the potential to enable family members to be better equipped to care for loved ones in their homes rather than in more expensive settings. Clearly, the long-term benefits of this concept to help adults with special needs and their families are significant. Through grants administered by the states, a wide range of essential information will be provided to families, training will be provided to respite care workers, and caregivers will gain access to much-needed help; and

Whereas, The act authorizes appropriations levels for fiscal years 2007 to 2011. After that time, the Comptroller General of the United States will conduct an evaluation of the program and report to the Congress on its impact and provide cost-benefit analysis information. For this important legislation to reach its goals, however, the necessary funding from Congress is crucial; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to provide full funding for the Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2006; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.