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# H. RES. 364

Acknowledging the contributions of America's addiction professionals and their commitment to delivering evidence-based practice to individuals with substance use disorders through recognized standards of education, training, and competencies.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 30, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio (for himself, Mr. RYAN, Mr. TONKO, Mr. TRONE, and Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

Acknowledging the contributions of America's addiction professionals and their commitment to delivering evidence-based practice to individuals with substance use disorders through recognized standards of education, training, and competencies.

Whereas the addiction professional workforce represents more than 100,000 counselors, educators, and other addiction-focused health care professionals;

Whereas addiction professionals specialize in prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery support, and education;

Whereas addiction professionals work across a wide variety of settings including outpatient care centers, mental health and substance use disorder facilities, general medicine

and surgical hospitals, psychiatric and substance use disorder hospitals, private practices, and clinics, as well as prisons, probation agencies, juvenile detention facilities, halfway houses, detoxification centers, and more;

Whereas addiction professionals are addressing the full range of substance use disorders in our communities across the prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery continuum, including in the face of the current opioid crisis; and

Whereas the COVID–19 pandemic is exacerbating the opioid and substance use epidemics and additional Federal investments are needed to adequately support the prevention and treatment of substance use disorders in communities across the country: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports  
 2 the delivery of evidence-based care for substance use dis-  
 3 order by acknowledging the contributions of addiction pro-  
 4 fessionals and encourages that recognized credentials re-  
 5 flect the requisite knowledge, training, and competencies  
 6 for delivering quality, effective substance use disorder  
 7 counseling.

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