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# H. RES. 749

Recognizing the outstanding contributions of respiratory therapists to patient care during “National Respiratory Care Week”.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 27, 2021

Mr. RASKIN (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. WILD, Mr. TRONE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, and Mr. LIEU) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the outstanding contributions of respiratory therapists to patient care during “National Respiratory Care Week”.

Whereas respiratory therapists are front-line experts in ventilator management and have worked tirelessly to care for patients in critical need during the ongoing COVID–19 public health emergency;

Whereas respiratory therapists are the only allied health professionals clinically educated in all aspects of pulmonary medicine and who treat and care for patients with deficiencies and abnormalities of the cardiopulmonary system;

Whereas respiratory therapists' expertise is applicable in many settings, including, but not limited to, various inpatient and outpatient facilities (such as acute care, urgent care, long-term care, subacute care, skilled nursing facilities), physicians' offices, sleep laboratories and clinics, and patients' homes; and

Whereas respiratory therapists' invaluable contributions to the health care system and their patients' health and well-being too often go unrecognized: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) recognizes and applauds the invaluable con-  
3       tributions of respiratory therapists as front-line  
4       workers during the COVID–19 pandemic;

5               (2) expresses gratitude to respiratory therapists  
6       for their work to save the lives of the most vulner-  
7       able COVID–19 patients;

8               (3) appreciates the exceptional care that res-  
9       piratory therapists provide every day to individuals  
10      who suffer from chronic respiratory diseases; and

11              (4) celebrates the contributions of respiratory  
12      therapists and their expertise in recognition of “Na-  
13      tional Respiratory Care Week”.

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