

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 104

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 16, 1996

By Senator SINAGRA

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** memorializing the Congress and President of
2 the United States to enact legislation to designate the first Sunday in May
3 as National Loyal Heart Award Day.

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5 **WHEREAS**, There are more than 49 million people in the United States with
6 disabilities whose civil rights are guaranteed under the "Americans with
7 Disabilities Act of 1990"; and

8 **WHEREAS**, A multitude of caregivers support persons with disabilities and
9 assist them to achieve their fullest potential; and

10 **WHEREAS**, An awareness of these caregivers should be included among the
11 issues, expanded communications and awareness promotions that inform
12 the public about the needs and concerns of persons with disabilities; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Federal, state, county and local governments have implemented
14 inclusionary programs for persons with disabilities that they could not or
15 would not be able to attend without the loving care and assistance of those
16 who aid them; and

17 **WHEREAS**, The "Loyal Heart Award" was initiated in 1994 by Elayne Hyman
18 Risley of the Middlesex County Chapter of the New Jersey Coalition on
19 Women and Disabilities to recognize the contributions made by these
20 selfless individuals who give their time and consideration to care for
21 persons with disabilities; and

22 **WHEREAS**, In order to promote a spirit of community and to ensure
23 continued public recognition of the important role these LoyalHeart Award
24 recipients and all caregivers, who are often family members, friends,
25 neighbors, health care professionals or aides, play in the life of persons
26 with disabilities, it is only fitting that a LoyalHeart Award Day be
27 celebrated nationwide; now, therefore,

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29 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the General
30 Assembly concurring):

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32 1. The Congress and the President of the United States are respectfully
33 memorialized to enact legislation honoring all caregivers of people with
34 disabilities in the United States by designating the first Sunday in May as
35 National Loyal Heart Award Day.

1 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the President of
2 the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the
3 Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the General Assembly, shall be
4 forwarded to the President of the United States, the presiding officers of the
5 United States Senate and the House of Representatives, and each member of
6 Congress elected from this State.

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STATEMENT

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10 This concurrent resolution memorializes the Congress and President of the
11 United States to enact legislation honoring all caregivers of people with
12 disabilities in the United States by designating the first Sunday in May as
13 National Loyal Heart Award Day.

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19 Memorializes U.S. Congress and President to designate first Sunday in May
as National Loyal Heart Award Day.