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# H. RES. 923

Recognizing the contributions of distribution and warehousing workers during the 2020 coronavirus pandemic.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Ms. NORTON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Mrs. TORRES of California) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the contributions of distribution and warehousing workers during the 2020 coronavirus pandemic.

Whereas the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID–19) has led to a state of unprecedented economic disruption in the United States;

Whereas the widespread implementation of stay-at-home measures and restrictions on many categories of businesses produced a surge in demand for delivery services, with its effects felt at every link in the supply chain;

Whereas employees in warehouses, shipping, and distribution centers have been called upon to fulfill this increased demand as essential workers during the pandemic;

Whereas these employees work for long hours in physically demanding roles doing tasks essential for the economy;

Whereas these employees have frequently lacked the personal protective equipment needed to fully guard against COVID–19;

Whereas some employees are reported to have contracted the virus, and many workers fear that they may contract the virus because their essential work means they cannot remain at home; and

Whereas workers in many facilities have requested their companies support them by providing information, safety equipment, adequate compensation, and other conditions necessary for them to do their jobs with confidence: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2           (1) declares that workers involved in the  
3       warehousing, distribution, and delivery industries  
4       play a vital role in sustaining the Nation during this  
5       emergency;

6           (2) expresses gratitude to these workers and all  
7       who are performing essential tasks during this out-  
8       break;

9           (3) supports these workers' receiving hazard  
10       pay, personal protective equipment, and adequate  
11       health insurance; and

12          (4) calls upon the Occupational Safety and  
13       Health Administration to ensure that employers in  
14       these industries are maintaining a safe workplace

- 1 free from hazards that are causing or are likely to
- 2 cause death or serious physical harm to employees,
- 3 including from COVID-19.

