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Thousands of Long Term Care Workers Rally in Support of Governor Pat Quinn

Rally Also Serves as Launch of Profession's "Care You Can Count On" Campaign

(CHICAGO) – **Governor Pat Quinn** will be the keynote speaker at a "Health Care Workers for Quinn" rally being held from noon to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15 at the Apostolic Faith Church, 3823 S. Indiana in Chicago. Thousands of long term care workers will be attending this rally to express their enthusiastic support for the governor in the upcoming election.

Among the many dignitaries expected to speak at this important event will be **Representative Esther Golar** (D-6, Chicago), **Representative Will Burns** (D-26, Chicago), **Representative Will Davis** (D-30, Hazel Crest), **Senator Mattie Hunter** (D-3, Chicago) and **Bishop Horace E. Smith, M.D.,** pastor of Apostolic Faith Church**.** The rally will also include a moving video presentation of the caregivers who have dedicated their lives to serving the needs of the elderly and disabled.

"Long term care workers are supporting Governor Pat Quinn due to his consistent efforts to strengthen Illinois' health care safety net," said Pat Comstock, executive director for the Health Care Council of Illinois. "He has fought to prevent funding cuts to both Illinois' long term care and home care services, protecting some of our state's most vulnerable citizens."

This rally will be launching HCCI's **"Care You Can Count On"** campaign. The campaign will recognize the many success stories of the impact that the caregivers have had on the personal lives of the residents. Governor Quinn is a supporter of the campaign, which is designed to recognize and empower the caregivers dedicated to serving Illinois' most frail and vulnerable elderly.

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"During the past year, some media stories have created a false impression of the dedication, commitment and care of our profession," said Comstock. "Governor Quinn's appearance here today is important because it sends a strong message of support to the tens of thousands of caregivers who provide compassionate care every day to the residents who are dependent upon them."

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The Health Care Council of Illinois (HCCI) is a professional association of more than 600 nursing facilities committed to quality residential health care in Illinois through a productive and responsible partnership between the private and public sectors. HCCI represents more than 65,000 nursing home professionals serving more than 52,000 residents. HCCI is Illinois' largest nursing home association.