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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLMOTT

NURSES: Recognizes Wednesday, March 19, 2014, as nurse practitioners day at the state capitol

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To recognize Wednesday, March 19, 2014, as nurse practitioners day at the state capitol.
3	WHEREAS, nurse practitioners have been providing primary, acute, and specialty
4	health care for nearly fifty years; and
5	WHEREAS, nurse practitioners, as defined in Louisiana statutes, are advanced
6	practice registered nurses who are educated in a specified area of care, certified according
7	to the requirements of a nationally recognized accrediting agency, and possess a master's or
8	doctoral degree; and
9	WHEREAS, as clinicians who combine clinical expertise in diagnosing and treating
10	health conditions with an added emphasis on disease prevention and health management,
11	nurse practitioners are the trusted healthcare providers of choice for millions of patients
12	across the United States; and
13	WHEREAS, patients for whom nurse practitioners are primary care providers have
14	fewer instances of emergency room visits, shorter hospital stays, and often have lower
15	medication costs because nurse practitioners provide both high-quality care and health
16	counseling; and
17	WHEREAS, nurse practitioners are particularly valuable healthcare providers in
18	Louisiana, as they improve access to health services in the many health professional shortage
19	areas of this state and enhance consumer choice for primary care, especially for rural and
20	other underserved populations.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

2 commend the nurse practitioners of this state for faithfully providing the highest quality of

- 3 patient-centered health care and does hereby recognize Wednesday, March 19, 2014, as
- 4 nurse practitioners day at the state capitol.
- 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted

6 to the president of the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners and the executive

7 director of the Louisiana State Nurses Association.

DIGEST

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