

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLMOTT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, March 19, 2014, as nurse practitioners day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners have been providing primary, acute, and specialty health care for nearly fifty years; and

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners, as defined in Louisiana statutes, are advanced practice registered nurses who are educated in a specified area of care, certified according to the requirements of a nationally recognized accrediting agency, and possess a master's or doctoral degree; and

WHEREAS, as clinicians who combine clinical expertise in diagnosing and treating health conditions with an added emphasis on disease prevention and health management, nurse practitioners are the trusted healthcare providers of choice for millions of patients across the United States; and

WHEREAS, patients for whom nurse practitioners are primary care providers have fewer instances of emergency room visits, shorter hospital stays, and often have lower medication costs because nurse practitioners provide both high-quality care and health counseling; and

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners are particularly valuable healthcare providers in Louisiana, as they improve access to health services in the many health professional shortage areas of this state and enhance consumer choice for primary care, especially for rural and other underserved populations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the nurse practitioners of this state for faithfully providing the highest quality of patient-centered health care and does hereby recognize Wednesday, March 19, 2014, as nurse practitioners day at the state capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners and the executive director of the Louisiana State Nurses Association.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE