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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 138

BY SENATOR HEWITT

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and recognizes registered nurses as a valuable resource and celebrates their accomplishments.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the registered nurses in Louisiana who care for all Louisiana citizens, to
3 recognize registered nurses as a valuable resource for inclusion at all levels where
4 health policy decisions are made, to celebrate registered nurses' accomplishments
5 and efforts to improve the healthcare system, and to show appreciation for the state's
6 registered nurses not just during National Nurses Week, but at every opportunity
7 throughout the year.

8 WHEREAS, registered nurses are at the front lines of patient care and are the largest
9 segment of the healthcare work force in Louisiana and nationally; and

10 WHEREAS, registered nurses provide healthcare to culturally diverse populations
11 of all ages, with any illness, in all healthcare settings, to all socioeconomic levels; and

12 WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe, and high-quality healthcare services provided
13 by registered nurses will be an increasingly important component of the U.S. healthcare
14 delivery system in the future; and

15 WHEREAS, the registered nurse's essential role in care coordination improves
16 patient care quality, safety, satisfaction, and outcomes and decreases costs across patient
17 populations and healthcare settings; and

18 WHEREAS, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever

1 because of the aging of the American population, including registered nurses, the continuing
2 expansion of life-sustaining technologies, and the explosive growth of healthcare services
3 beyond the hospital setting; and

4 WHEREAS, more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the
5 increasingly complex needs of healthcare consumers in this community and this requires a
6 sufficient number of qualified nursing faculty; and

7 WHEREAS, registered nursing outranked other professions for the past fifteen years
8 as the most trusted profession, maintains ethical standards of practice, and advocates for
9 patient well-being; and

10 WHEREAS, registered nurses have the experience and expertise in healthcare
11 delivery to provide input and perspective on issues impacting the healthcare of Louisiana
12 citizens; and

13 WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Nurses Association, as the voice for registered
14 nurses in Louisiana, fosters high standards for professional nursing practice for all registered
15 nurses, regardless of education level, clinical specialty, or work setting, and advocates for
16 quality healthcare for the citizens of Louisiana; and

17 WHEREAS, along with the American Nurses Association, the Louisiana State
18 Nurses Association, has declared the week of May 6-12, 2018, as National Nurses Week,
19 with the theme, "Nurses inspire, innovate, influence", in celebration of the ways in which
20 registered nurses advocate for high quality patient care and to map out the ways to improve
21 the healthcare system.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
23 does hereby commend the over 67,000 registered nurses who care for all Louisiana citizens;
24 recognize registered nurses as a valuable resource for inclusion at all levels where health
25 policy decisions are made; celebrate registered nurses' accomplishments and efforts to
26 improve our healthcare system; and show its appreciation for the state's registered nurses not
27 just during National Nurses Week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
29 Louisiana State Nurses Association.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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