

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 125

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUSTIN MILLER

A RESOLUTION

To recognize the week of May 6–12, 2018, as National Nurses Week in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, over sixty-five thousand registered nurses are professionally active in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, nursing is the largest healthcare profession in Louisiana and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the registered nursing profession meets the established and emerging healthcare needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS, nurses serve patients of all ages, with any illness, in all healthcare settings, and at all socioeconomic levels; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Nurses Association, as the voice of registered nurses in this state, fosters high standards of professional practice, and is working to improve public health in Louisiana through an emphasis on the delivery of primary and preventive health care; and

WHEREAS, the demand for registered nursing services is greater than ever due to the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, and the rapid pace of growth in home healthcare services; and

WHEREAS, more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of patients in all communities of our state; and

WHEREAS, the safe, cost-effective healthcare services provided by registered nurses are consistently of the highest quality; and

WHEREAS, registered nursing outranked all other professions for the past fifteen years as the most trusted profession; and

WHEREAS, since 1991, National Nurses Week has been celebrated annually from May 6, a day which is also known as National Nurses Day, through May 12, the birthday of the founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale; and

WHEREAS, the theme of National Nurses Week in 2018 is "Nurses inspire, innovate, influence", which celebrates all the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and high-quality patient care and contribute to efforts to improve our nation's healthcare system.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize May 6–12, 2018, as National Nurses Week in Louisiana; does hereby encourage the residents of this state to join together in honoring the registered nurses who provide quality medical care for all of us; does hereby express its support for the inclusion of nurses in health policy debate at all levels; and does hereby recognize the notable accomplishments of the registered nursing profession.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES