

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 105

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUSTIN MILLER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, May 11, 2022, as Nurse Day in Louisiana and to recognize May 6-12, 2022, as National Nurses Week.

WHEREAS, in Louisiana, over 66,000 registered nurses are professionally active; and

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

WHEREAS, because of its depth and breadth, the registered nursing profession is well suited to meeting the diverse 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, as the voice for registered nurses in Louisiana, the Louisiana State Nurses Association is working to chart a new course to a healthy citizenry through an emphasis on the delivery of primary and preventive health care; and

WHEREAS, in turn, such an emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require better utilization of all of the country's registered nursing resources; and

WHEREAS, studies show that professional nursing is an indispensable component of quality health care for hospitalized and non-hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, in the future, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-saving technologies, emerging health challenges, and the rapid growth of 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 the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the safe, cost-effective, and high-quality health services provided by registered nurses will be an increasingly important component of the nation's healthcare delivery system in the future; and

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

WHEREAS, since 1993, National Nurses Week has been celebrated on an annual basis from May 6, which is National Nurses Day, through May 12, which is the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the theme of National Nurses Week is "You Make a Difference."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, May 11, 2022, as Nurse Day in Louisiana and May 6-12, 2022, as National Nurses Week and does hereby encourage the residents of the state of Louisiana to join in honoring the registered nurses who provide quality medical care to the citizens of the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature does hereby express its support for the inclusion of nurses in discussions of health policy at all levels where policy decisions are made.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 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