

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 197

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLMOTT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize the week of May 6 through 12, 2015, as National Nurses Week in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Louisiana's fifty-seven thousand registered nurses and the nearly three million one hundred thousand registered nurses in the United States comprise our state's and the nation's largest healthcare profession; and

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Nurses Association, as the voice for the registered nurses of this state, is working to chart a new course for a healthy Louisiana that relies on increasing delivery of primary and preventive health care; and

WHEREAS, a renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require the better utilization of all of our nation's registered nursing resources; and

WHEREAS, professional nursing is an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; 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 healthcare consumers 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 will be an ever more important component of the United States healthcare delivery system in the future; and

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

WHEREAS, National Nurses Week celebrates all of the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and high-quality patient care and lead the way to improvements in our healthcare system.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby proclaim May 6 through 12, 2015, to be National Nurses Week in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby encourage all residents of this state to join together in honoring the registered nurses who care for all of us.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and commend the notable accomplishments of the registered nursing profession and its efforts to improve our healthcare system, and does hereby express sincere appreciation for the nation's registered nurses not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE