

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

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NURSES/REGISTERED: Recognizes April 10, 2019, as Louisiana Nurse Day at the state capitol and May 6-12, 2019, as National Nurses Week in Louisiana

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To recognize April 10, 2019, as Louisiana Nurse Day at the state capitol and May 6-12,
3 2019, as National Nurses Week in Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, registered nurses are at the front lines of patient care and are the largest
5 segment of the healthcare workforce in Louisiana and nationally; and

6 WHEREAS, registered nurses provide health care to culturally diverse populations
7 of all ages, with any illness, in all healthcare settings to people of all income levels; and

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

WHEREAS, the essential role of the registered nurse in care coordination improves patient-care quality, safety, satisfaction, and outcomes and decreases costs across patient populations and healthcare settings; and

14 WHEREAS, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever in
15 the future because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of
16 life-sustaining technologies, and the explosive growth of healthcare services beyond the
17 hospital setting; and

18 WHEREAS, more qualified registered nurses will be needed to meet the increasingly
19 complex needs of healthcare consumers in this community, which requires a sufficient
20 number of qualified nursing faculty; and

1 WHEREAS, registered nursing has outranked other professions for the past
2 seventeen years as the most trusted profession, maintains ethical standards of practice, and
3 advocates steadfastly for patient well-being; and

4 WHEREAS, registered nurses have the experience and expertise in health services
5 delivery to provide input and perspective on issues impacting the health care of Louisiana
6 citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Nurses Association, as the voice for registered
8 nurses in this state, fosters high standards for professional nursing practice for all registered
9 nurses regardless of education level, clinical specialty, or work setting, and advocates for
10 quality health care for the citizens of Louisiana; and

11 WHEREAS, along with the American Nurses Association, the Louisiana State
12 Nurses Association has declared the week of May 6-12 as National Nurses Week, with the
13 theme "4 Million Reasons to Celebrate", in recognition of the vast contributions and positive
14 impact of America's four million registered nurses, including the sixty-six thousand
15 registered nurses licensed in Louisiana.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17 recognize April 10, 2019, as Louisiana Nurse Day at the state capitol and May 6-12, 2019,
18 as National Nurses Week in Louisiana and encourage all residents of Louisiana to join
19 together in honoring the registered nurses who provide quality care for all of us and who
20 work to improve our healthcare system daily.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature does hereby call for the boards
22 and commissions of this state to recognize registered nurses as a valuable resource for
23 inclusion at all levels where health policy decisions are made.

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

DIGEST

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