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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To recognize the week of May 6 through 12, 2014, as National Nurses Week in Louisiana.

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

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

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

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

14 WHEREAS, professional nursing is an indispensable component in the safety and
15 quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

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

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

1 WHEREAS, the safe, cost-effective healthcare services provided by registered nurses
2 are consistently of the highest quality, and will be an ever more important component of the
3 United States healthcare delivery system in the future; and

4 WHEREAS, along with the Louisiana State Nurses Association, the American
5 Nurses Association has declared the week of May 6 through 12 as National Nurses Week
6 with the theme "Nurses: Leading the Way"; and

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

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
11 proclaim May 6 through 12, 2014, to be National Nurses Week in Louisiana.

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

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

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

DIGEST

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