

## Senate Resolution 981

By: Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th and Watson of the 1st

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville, Georgia, and recognizing  
2 May 6-12, 2018, as National Nurses Week at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the nearly 3.1 million registered nurses in the United States comprise the  
4 nation's largest health care profession; and

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

7 WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association serves as the national voice for the registered  
8 nurses of the United States, and it is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that  
9 relies on increasing delivery of primary and preventative health care; and

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

12 WHEREAS, professional nursing plays a critical role in the safety and quality of care of  
13 hospitalized patients; and

14 WHEREAS, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of  
15 the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining  
16 technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

17 WHEREAS, greater amounts of qualified, registered nurses will be needed in the future to  
18 accommodate the increasingly complex demands of health care consumers; and

19 WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe, and quality health care services provided by registered  
20 nurses will be an ever more important component of the United States' health care delivery  
21 system in the future; and

22 WHEREAS, along with the American Nurses Association, Northeast Georgia Medical  
23 Center in Gainesville, Georgia, has declared the week of May 6-12, 2018, as National Nurses  
24 Week with the theme "Delivering Quality and Innovation in Patient Care," in celebration of  
25 the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and high-quality patient care and  
26 map out new and innovative ways to improve our health care system; and it is abundantly  
27 fitting and proper that the extraordinary contributions of Georgia's nurses be appropriately  
28 recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 commend registered nurses' accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system  
31 and recognize May 6-12, 2018, as National Nurses Week at the state capitol.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Northeast Georgia  
34 Medical Center, the public, and the press.