

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUSTIN MILLER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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