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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 3, 2016 "NEW MEXICO STUDENT NURSES DAY" IN
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the nursing profession has been ranked by a
Gallup poll as the most trustworthy, ethical and honest
profession; and

WHEREAS, forty-eight percent of current registered nurses
are age fifty or over and almost half of New Mexico's
registered nurses are within twenty years of retirement
eligibility; and

WHEREAS, between 2007 and 2014, New Mexico graduated over
eleven thousand licensed practical and registered nurses; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico currently has twenty-nine pre-
licensure approved schools of nursing; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico nursing education consortium is a

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1   collaboration between seventeen community colleges and

2   university schools of nursing with a common core curriculum and

3   the shared goal of increasing the number of students graduating

4   with a bachelor of science in nursing, increasing work force

5   diversity and addressing work force shortages; and

6   WHEREAS, to meet demand, the state nursing programs must

7   graduate a minimum of two hundred sixty-three students with a

8   bachelor of science in nursing annually for each of the next

9   seven years; and

10   WHEREAS, the nursing community is appreciative of the

11   legislative support it has received to promote and enhance

12   nursing programs;

13   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

14   REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 3,

15   2016 be declared "New Mexico Student Nurses Day" in the house

16   of representatives in honor of all New Mexico student nurses;

17   and

18   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

19   transmitted to the president of the New Mexico nursing

20   education consortium and the executive director of the New

21   Mexico nurses association.

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