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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

RECOGNIZING MAY 6TH-12TH AS "NATIONAL NURSES WEEK"

Introduced By: Representatives Naughton, M Rice, E Coderre, Slater, and Diaz

Date Introduced: April 27, 2010

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The nearly 3.1 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our
2 nation's largest health care profession; and

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

6 WHEREAS, The American Nurses Association, as the voice for the registered nurses of
7 this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing
8 delivery of primary and preventive health care; and

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

11 WHEREAS, Professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable
12 component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patient; and

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

16 WHEREAS, More qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the
17 increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; and

18 WHEREAS, The cost-effective, safe, and quality health care services provided by
19 registered nurses will be an ever more important component of the U.S. health care delivery
20 system in the future; now therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
2 Providence Plantations hereby joins the Rhode Island State Nurses Association and the American
3 Nurses Association in recognizing the week of May 6th through May 12th of 2010 as “ National
4 Nurses Week” with the theme “Nurses: Caring Today for a Healthier Tomorrow,” in celebration
5 of the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and high quality patient care and
6 map out the way to improve our health care system; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives hereby urges the residents of this state
8 to join us in honoring the registered nurses who care for all of us. We furthermore celebrate
9 registered nursing's accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system and extend
10 our appreciation for the nation's registered nurses not just during this week, but also at every
11 opportunity throughout the year; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island State Nurses Association.

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