

**No. R-280. House concurrent resolution recognizing the role of registered nurses in the delivery of quality health care in Vermont.**

(H.C.R.208)

Offered by: Representatives Spengler of Colchester, Dakin of Chester, Keenan of St. Albans City, and O'Brien of Richmond

Offered by: Senator Ayer

Whereas, the thousands of registered nurses and hundreds of nurse practitioners in Vermont represent our State's largest health care human resource, and

Whereas, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession is meeting the varied health care needs of Vermonters, and

Whereas, in a December 2013 Gallup poll, nurses scored the highest trust ratings of 22 professions, regardless of a respondent's political affiliation or age, and

Whereas, the need for registered nursing services will continue to grow due to the aging American population, the growth of life-sustaining technology, and the increase of home health care services, and

Whereas, the American Nurses Association and the Vermont State Nurses' Association have both declared the week of May 6–12 as National Nurses Week 2014, in celebration of the contributions of American registered nurses to quality health care, and

Whereas, the Vermont State Nurses' Association has declared January 29, 2014 as Vermont State Nurses' Day, and 2014 marks the organization's centennial anniversary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the role of registered nurses in the delivery of quality health care in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont State Nurses' Association.