

**No. R-477. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont State Nurses' Association on its centennial.**

(S.C.R.62)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

*Whereas*, the Civil War coincided with the transformation of nursing into a modern health care profession, and

*Whereas*, in 1872, Dr. Marie Zakrewska established the nation's first nursing school in Boston, and

*Whereas*, the General Assembly enacted 1910 Acts and Resolves No. 219 "An Act to provide for the registration of nurses," beginning Vermont's oversight and regulation of the nursing profession, and

*Whereas*, in 1914, registered nurses in Vermont recognized the need for an organization to assist, promote, and represent the nursing profession, and they established the Vermont State Nurses' Association (VSNA), and

*Whereas*, the purposes of the VSNA include working for the improvement of health standards, fostering high standards of care for nursing, stimulating and promoting the professional development of nurses, and serving as the Vermont affiliate of the American Nurses Association, and

*Whereas*, the VSNA's associated Vermont State Nurses' Foundation develops public awareness about nursing, provides scholarships for nursing education, and supports professional research activities, and

*Whereas*, in the past century, the nursing profession has evolved to include nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetists, licensed practical nurses, licensed nursing assistants, and advanced practice nurses, and today all are part of the VSNA, and

*Whereas*, on May 12, 2014, the VSNA is celebrating its centennial with a gala dinner in South Burlington at which a number of nurses will be recognized for their professional achievements and service to the nursing profession, and

*Whereas*, the VSNA is proud of the nursing profession's role in the provision of health care in Vermont and looks forward to its second century, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont State Nurses' Association on its centennial, *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.