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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The observance of Nurses Week from May 6 through 12,  
2 2023, provides a special opportunity to recognize the vital role  
3 these accomplished medical professionals play in our society; and

4 WHEREAS, In the United States, nursing is the largest segment  
5 of the health professions, and nurses perform indispensable  
6 functions in a wide range of settings and across the health care  
7 continuum; in Texas alone, hundreds of thousands of nurses work  
8 tirelessly to meet the evolving needs of a growing and diverse  
9 population; and

10 WHEREAS, Nursing balances compassion and respect for human  
11 dignity with skilled clinical practice and critical thinking;  
12 adhering to the highest professional standards, nurses bring an  
13 unwavering commitment to the well-being of their patients,  
14 especially the most vulnerable, and they serve as trusted advocates  
15 in order to ensure the highest quality of care for all; and

16 WHEREAS, The American Nurses Association gives voice to the  
17 concerns of its members, and it is committed to expanding access to  
18 primary and preventive health care, which will require better  
19 utilization of all of our nation's nursing resources; in the coming  
20 years, the demand for nursing services is expected to rise  
21 dramatically due to the aging of the American population, the  
22 expansion of life-sustaining technologies, and the rapid growth of  
23 home health care services; and

24 WHEREAS, The ANA and its affiliate, the Texas Nurses

1 Association, have designated the entire month of May as Nurses  
2 Month; the event's 2023 theme, "You Make a Difference," highlights  
3 both the great worth of nurses' customary contributions and the  
4 immense role they have played in saving lives and caring for their  
5 fellow Americans during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

6 WHEREAS, Every day, the expertise, dedication, and hard work  
7 of nurses across the Lone Star State greatly benefit countless  
8 Texans, and Nurses Week provides a welcome occasion to honor these  
9 outstanding professionals; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas  
11 hereby recognize May 6-12, 2023, as Nurses Week in Texas and extend  
12 deep appreciation to the state's nurses for the diligence and skill  
13 they bring to their challenging vocation.