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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The observance of Texas Black Nurses Day at the 2 State Capitol on February 26, 2025, serves as an opportunity to highlight the contributions of Black nurses and to raise awareness 3 of the importance of diversity in the nursing profession; and 4 5 WHEREAS, Over the past decade, the number of Black nurses in Texas has grown to more closely mirror overall demographics in the 6 state; according to statistics compiled by the Texas Center for 7 Nursing Workforce Studies in 2024, the percentage of Black 8 individuals working as registered and advanced practice registered 9 nurses in the Lone Star State had increased steadily since 2014, and 10 11 Black individuals represented more than 25 percent of licensed 12 vocational nurses; moreover, a 2021 survey found that the proportion of Black faculty serving in registered nursing 13 14 pre-licensure programs throughout the state stood at nearly 18 percent; and 15 WHEREAS, As Texas becomes increasingly diverse, there is a 16 greater need for a diverse nursing workforce with the ability to 17 provide quality, culturally informed patient care to a variety of 18 populations; a growing body of research shows that a health care 19 20 workforce that closely resembles the population it serves brings 21 notable benefits, including improved patient care and cost savings; 22 compared to their White counterparts, Black nurses are more likely 23 to practice in underserved areas with a larger percentage of Black

families and are also more likely to accept patients who are covered

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- 1 by Medicaid, thus helping to bring their communities closer to
- 2 achieving health equity; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The Black nurses of our state have earned our
- 4 deepest gratitude for the tremendous skill and passion they have
- 5 demonstrated and for their noble commitment to the health and
- 6 well-being of their patients, and they are indeed deserving of
- 7 recognition for their exceptional service; now, therefore, be it
- 8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
- 9 Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2025, as Texas Black
- 10 Nurses Day at the State Capitol and commend these dedicated
- 11 professionals for the compassion and expertise they bring to their
- 12 vocation.

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	Speaker of the House
I certify that H.R. No. 380 was 26, 2025, by a non-record vote.	adopted by the House on February
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