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H.R. No. 375

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 welcome the distinguished men and women of the nursing profession
3 who are here today in Austin to celebrate March 4 and 5, 2003, as
4 Nurse Days at the State Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, The 130,000 registered nurses and 70,000 licensed
6 vocational nurses who provide care to Texans every day in hospitals
7 and nursing homes and through home health agencies play an
8 indispensable role in the quality of health care received in this
9 state; and

10 WHEREAS, Today, the need for quality nursing is greater than
11 ever before due to the aging of our population, the expansion of
12 life-sustaining technology, and the rapid growth of home health
13 care and other community-based services; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2001, this legislative body took steps to address
15 the Lone Star State's critical shortage of nurses by supporting
16 increased enrollment in Texas nursing schools; and

17 WHEREAS, The care and support nursing professionals provide
18 to patients is beyond price, and these dedicated professionals are
19 indeed deserving of our respect and admiration; now, therefore, be
20 it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
22 Legislature hereby recognize March 4 and 5, 2003, as Nurse Days at
23 the State Capitol and extend warm best wishes for a memorable visit
24 to these dedicated men and women.