

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 271**

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Senate is pleased to welcome the registered nurses, licensed vocational nurses, and nursing students who are visiting the State Capitol as part of Nurse Days at the Capitol 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, The 130,000 registered nurses and 70,000 licensed vocational nurses providing nursing care for Texans every day in hospitals, nursing homes, and home health agencies throughout this state are critical to the quality of health care in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Nursing is one of the world's most trusted professions and is held in high esteem by the citizens of our state and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Nursing students dedicated to caring for people represent the future of this honorable profession; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas had a shortage of nurses in 2001, which this legislature took significant steps to address through supporting increased enrollments in the nursing schools of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas continues to have a critical shortage of nurses, which is predicted to worsen significantly over the next decade, and the legislature will continue its efforts to address this shortage, as our state will always need and value its nurses; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby recognize March 4 and 5, 2003, as Nurse Days at the Capitol and welcome the nurses and nursing students to the State Capitol; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of the nursing profession as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 4, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate