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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 welcome the registered nurses and licensed vocational nurses who
3 are visiting the State Capitol as part of Nurse Day at the Capitol
4 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, Nursing is known as a caring profession, and the
6 140,000 registered nurses and 60,000 licensed vocational nurses
7 tending to the needs of Texans every day in hospitals, nursing
8 homes, and home health agencies throughout the state are critical
9 to the quality of health care that patients receive; and

10 WHEREAS, Despite the fact that hospitals and other employers
11 need and would hire significantly more nurses, Texas nursing
12 schools have been forced to turn away thousands of qualified
13 applicants because of lack of adequate faculty positions; and

14 WHEREAS, This legislature is faced with the challenge of
15 finding effective ways to address this critical shortage of nurses
16 and to enable Texas nursing schools to admit and adequately train
17 the nurses that our state needs; and

18 WHEREAS, Nurses are held in high esteem by citizens across
19 the state and nation as evidenced by the national polls recognizing
20 nursing as one of the country's most trusted professions; and

21 WHEREAS, The benefits of the care and support that nurses
22 provide their patients are immeasurable, and these dedicated
23 professionals are indeed deserving of our utmost respect and
24 admiration; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2005, as Nurse Day at the
3 State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to those nurses visiting the
4 Capitol today.