

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1134

WHEREAS, The nearly 2.9 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession; and

WHEREAS, The depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS, The American Nurses Association, the voice for the registered nurses of this country, is working to chart a new course that relies on increasing delivery of primary and preventive health care to keep the nation healthy; and

WHEREAS, A renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require the better utilization of all of our nation's registered nursing resources; and

WHEREAS, It has been demonstrated that professional nursing is an indispensable component to the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, The demand for registered nursing services in the future will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

WHEREAS, It is evident that more qualified registered nurses will be needed to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this country; and

WHEREAS, The cost-effective, safe, and quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an ever more important component of the nation's health care delivery system in the future; and

WHEREAS, The American Nurses Association has declared the week of May 6 through 12 National Nurses Week with the theme "Nurses: Strength, Commitment, Compassion" in celebration of the efforts of registered nurses to provide safe and high quality patient care and to improve our health care system; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby encourage residents of this state to join the nation in honoring the registered nurses who care for all of us; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of the registered nurses of our state and nation.

Nelson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 24, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate