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H.R. No. 947

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Board of Nursing has worked to protect and
2 promote the welfare of Texans for 100 years; and

3 WHEREAS, On March 13, 1909, Governor Thomas Mitchell Campbell
4 signed into law the Nurses Registration Act, establishing the Board
5 of Nurse Examiners, and during the board's first regular meeting
6 later that year, more than 200 applications for nurse registration
7 were considered and approved; and

8 WHEREAS, Licensed vocational nurses became regulated in the
9 1950s with the establishment of the Texas Board of Vocational Nurse
10 Examiners, and regulation of advanced practice nursing began in
11 1980; the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners eventually merged
12 with the Board of Nurse Examiners, which became the Texas Board of
13 Nursing in 2007; and

14 WHEREAS, The board was granted authority over nursing
15 education early on and instituted a requirement that applicants for
16 nurse licensure be graduates of an accredited school approved by
17 the board; in 1950, Texas began using the State Board Test Pool
18 Examination to ensure that Texas nursing graduates were competent
19 to practice in the field, and in 1982, the board adopted the
20 National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses; in
21 addition to licensure examinations, the board conducts criminal
22 background checks on all currently licensed Texas nurses, as well
23 as candidates for nurse licensure; and

24 WHEREAS, Nurses are the second largest group of licensed

1 professionals in the United States, and Texas alone is home to
2 nearly 86,000 licensed vocational nurses and more than 210,000
3 registered nurses, including nearly 13,000 with advanced practice
4 approval; the state's membership in both the Nurse Licensure
5 Compact and the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Multi-State
6 Compact permits Texas nurses to practice on a temporary basis in
7 other signatory states and their nurses to practice on a temporary
8 basis in Texas; and

9 WHEREAS, For a century, the Texas Board of Nursing has
10 provided vital services in behalf of the state's residents, and it
11 is indeed fitting to recognize this noteworthy organization on the
12 occasion of its centennial year; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
14 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Texas
15 Board of Nursing and extend to board members and all others
16 associated with it sincere gratitude for their hard work and
17 dedication; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for the Texas Board of Nursing as an expression of high
20 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.