SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 475

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Texas Board of Nursing on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and

**WHEREAS,** The Texas Board of Nursing was created on March 13, 1909, when Governor Thomas Mitchell Campbell signed into law the Nurses Registration Act of 1909; known at the time as the Board of Nurse Examiners, this dedicated agency has for 100 years worked to maintain public trust in the nursing profession; and

**WHEREAS,** From its early days, when 222 applications for nurse registration were approved at the first regular meeting of the five-member board, until today, with more than 200,000 registered nurses in our state, the Texas Board of Nursing has held fast to its mission of ensuring that each person holding a license as a nurse in the State of Texas is competent to practice safely; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout its history, the Texas Board of Nursing has played a vital role in providing leadership for the nursing profession; among its many initiatives have been education programs for advanced nurse practitioners and the adoption of the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses for entry-level nurses; and

**WHEREAS,** Nurses are the second-largest group of licensed professionals in the nation, and one of the most respected; the Texas Board of Nursing is truly deserving of recognition for its dedication to quality and professionalism; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the Texas Board of Nursing on its legacy of stewardship of the nursing profession and extend best wishes for a memorable 100th anniversary; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the board as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Nelson

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 19, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate