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H.R. No. 1883

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of the Texas National Nurses Organizing  
2 Committee are gathering at the State Capitol to mark International  
3 Nurses Day on May 12, 2011, the 191st anniversary of the birth of  
4 Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing; and

5           WHEREAS, An affiliate of the National Nurses Organizing  
6 Committee, the Texas NNOC works to promote the interests of  
7 patients and direct care nurses and RN professional practice; the  
8 Texas NNOC represents more than 10,000 nurses in the Lone Star  
9 State; and

10           WHEREAS, Committed to maintaining and advancing high  
11 standards of patient care, members of the Texas NNOC advocate  
12 forcefully for the lives of people in their care and strive to  
13 prevent medical errors and improve patient safety; according to a  
14 2002 study in *The New England Journal of Medicine*, hospitals with a  
15 higher proportion of nursing care provided by RNs and a greater  
16 number of hours of care by RNs per day achieve better outcomes for  
17 their patients, and other significant studies have shown similar  
18 results; and

19           WHEREAS, Nurses inform patients about matters affecting  
20 health and wellness, and many nurses volunteer to promote general  
21 health by educating the public on warning signs and symptoms of  
22 disease and by providing general health screenings and serving at  
23 immunization clinics, blood drives, and seminars; moreover, nurses  
24 provide advice and emotional support to the family members of

1 patients; and

2 WHEREAS, Through their tireless efforts in behalf of their  
3 patients and the well-being of the public, nurses make vital  
4 contributions to our state and nation, and it is indeed fitting to  
5 recognize the important role they play in the health care system;  
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
8 Legislature hereby recognize May 12, 2011, as International Nurses  
9 Day and extend to the members of the Texas National Nurses  
10 Organizing Committee sincere best wishes for a memorable and  
11 productive visit; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the  
14 Texas House of Representatives.