By: Howard H.R. No. 2401

## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, In her diligent service as Capitol nurse
- 2 practitioner, Ellen Fontana has provided expert assistance to
- 3 numerous public officials and state employees during the 85th Texas
- 4 Legislature, thereby helping to ensure the overall health and
- 5 productivity of the legislative community; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Ms. Fontana has worked as a registered nurse for 22
- 7 years and as a nurse practitioner for the past 15, specializing in
- 8 adult health; she trained at Loyola University Chicago, where she
- 9 received her bachelor's and master's degrees; after serving as a
- 10 nurse practitioner at the University of Chicago, she has spent the
- 11 majority of her career in the Lone Star State; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Before accepting the position of Capitol nurse
- 13 practitioner, Ms. Fontana primarily cared for underserved Texas
- 14 residents, including patients with mental illness and HIV; a member
- 15 of Texas Nurse Practitioners, she regularly volunteers as a
- 16 preceptor for nursing students from several local universities; in
- 17 her off-duty hours, she enjoys spending time with her family,
- 18 exercising, and being outdoors; and
- 19 WHEREAS, While meeting the sometimes exhausting demands of
- 20 the legislative session, the members of the Capitol community are
- 21 fortunate to benefit from the skill and expertise of Ellen Fontana,
- 22 and she is indeed deserving of recognition for her significant
- 23 contributions; now, therefore, be it
- 24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

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- 1 Legislature hereby honor Ellen Fontana for her service as Capitol
- 2 nurse practitioner and extend to her sincere best wishes for the
- 3 future; and, be it further
- 4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 5 prepared for Ms. Fontana as an expression of high regard by the
- 6 Texas House of Representatives.