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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Long-term care nurses are dedicated to providing
2 specialized care over an extended period to individuals who are
3 living with disabilities or who are suffering from progressive or
4 chronic illnesses; and

5 WHEREAS, These highly skilled health care professionals are
6 responsible for coordinating and assessing patient care, assisting
7 patients with daily tasks, and working alongside medical and
8 clinical staff to develop and implement plans to deliver quality
9 care; their training as registered nurses qualifies them to perform
10 procedures such as administering medications and operating medical
11 equipment, and they serve as a source of education, emotional
12 support, and guidance to patients, families, and caregivers alike;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Long-term care nurses are highly valued for their
15 ability to build meaningful long-term relationships with their
16 patients, which helps them in recognizing a change in condition
17 that nurses in other fields may not notice; day after day, these
18 professionals are trusted by caregivers to keep their loved ones
19 safe and healthy and to ensure that they are treated according to
20 their unique health care needs; and

21 WHEREAS, Careers in long-term nursing can be invaluabley
22 rewarding, while also offering professional growth and development
23 opportunities that can serve nurses well in their future employment
24 prospects; the demand for long-term care nurses is expected to grow

1 dramatically in the decades to come as the U.S. population ages and
2 the need for primary health care increases among all demographic
3 groups; and

4 WHEREAS, Long-term care nurses play an indispensable role in
5 our health care system and in the lives of the patients and families
6 who depend upon their services, and it is fitting that they be
7 recognized for the skilled and compassionate care they provide;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize April 6, 2023, as Long-Term Care
11 Nurses Day at the State Capitol and commend the long-term care
12 nurses who are practicing in our state for their outstanding
13 commitment to their vocation and to the patients they serve.