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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 130

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLMOTT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize the week of May 6 through 12, 2012, as National Nurses Week in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Louisiana's fifty-four thousand registered nurses and the nearly three million one hundred thousand registered nurses in the United States comprise our state and nation's largest health care profession; and

WHEREAS, for the twelfth consecutive year, nursing has been voted the most trusted profession in America according to an annual survey of public opinion on professions conducted by Gallup, recognizing the honesty and highest ethical standards which nurses display; and

WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Nurses Association, as the voice for the registered nurses of this state, is working to chart a new course for a healthy Louisiana that relies on increasing delivery of primary and preventive health care; and

WHEREAS, a renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require the better utilization of all of our nation's registered nursing resources; and

WHEREAS, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

WHEREAS, more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; and

WHEREAS, cost-effective, safe, and quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an ever more important component of the United States health care delivery system in the future; and

WHEREAS, along with the Louisiana State Nurses Association, the American Nurses Association has declared the week of May 6 through 12 as National Nurses Week with the theme "Nurses: Advocating, Leading, Caring"; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate to celebrate the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and high-quality patient care and chart the course to improve our health care system.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby celebrate registered nursing's accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system and wish to show appreciation for the state's registered nurses who deliver compassionate care and service with integrity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby proclaim May 6 through 12, 2012, to be National Nurses Week in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the executive director of the Louisiana State Nurses Association.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE