

No. R-429. House concurrent resolution recognizing the role of registered nurses in the delivery of health care in Vermont.

(H.C.R.307)

Offered by: Representatives Spengler of Colchester, Adams of Hartland, Brennan of Colchester, Cheney of Norwich, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Howrigan of Fairfield, Jerman of Essex, Lewis of Derby, Macaig of Williston, Maier of Middlebury, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, McCullough of Williston, Minter of Waterbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Brien of Richmond, Peltz of Woodbury, Potter of Clarendon, Smith of Mendon, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Weston of Burlington, Wheeler of Derby and Wizowaty of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Choate and Kittell

Whereas, 12,976 registered nurses licensed in Vermont represent our state's largest health care resource, and

Whereas, 533 advanced practice registered nurses collaborate with physicians to serve Vermonters as adult, pediatric, and family nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, clinical specialists, and nurse anesthetists, and

Whereas, registered nurses make up 70 percent of the health care providers in Vermont, and

Whereas, these registered nurses use nursing research and evidence-based practice to provide care to citizens of Vermont in hospitals, long-term care facilities, schools, clinics, physician offices, correctional facilities, workplaces, and homes of patients, and

Whereas, registered nurses increase their education, design their practice,

and direct their research to advance nursing care in collaboration with other medical care to promote health, prevent illness, manage chronic diseases, improve the health care delivery system, and provide for the unmet health needs of our most vulnerable citizens, and

Whereas, April 7, 2010, is Vermont Nurses' Day at the state house, in recognition of the crucial role of registered nurses in the delivery of health care in Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the role of registered nurses in the delivery of quality health care, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont State Nurses' Association.