

ENROLLED SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 15 By: Henry, Bell, Brown, Cain, Campbell, Capps, Cole, Dickerson, Douglass, Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford, Gustafson, Haney, Harrison, Helton, Hendrick, Herbert, Hobson, Horner, Kerr, Leftwich, Littlefield, Long (Ed), Long (Lewis), Maddox, Martin, Mickle, Monson, Muegge, Pierce, Price, Roberts, Robinson, Rozell, Rubottom, Shedrick, Shurden, Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Taylor, Weedn, Wilkerson, Williams (Don), Williams (Penny) and Wright

A Resolution honoring certified nursing assistants in Oklahoma by declaring Thursday, June 1, 1995, as "Certified Nursing Assistants Day"; commending certified nursing assistants throughout the state; providing certain information concerning the profession of certified nursing assistants; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, in the words of Benjamin Disraeli, "The health of the people is really the foundation upon which all their happiness and all their powers as a State depend"; and

WHEREAS, the happiness and health of many ill and disabled persons across the State of Oklahoma depend upon the professional and loving care given by dedicated certified nursing assistants; and

WHEREAS, certified nursing assistants are instrumental in promoting and safeguarding the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health of the patient and the patient's family; and

WHEREAS, being a certified nursing assistant is an honorable health-care profession in Oklahoma and throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, the number of nursing assistants has grown from 21,000 in 1992 to over 32,000 in 1995 across the great State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, certified nursing assistants, who make a valuable contribution to society as a whole, provide numerous hours of dedicated service that is reflected in their code of ethics.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the many dedicated and hardworking certified nursing assistants throughout the great State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate honors certified nursing assistants by declaring Thursday, June 1, 1995, as "Certified Nursing Assistants Day".

THAT a copy of this resolution shall be distributed to J.R. Nida, M.D., Commissioner of Health, State Department of Health; Brent VanMeter, Deputy Commissioner for Special Health Services, State Department of Health; and Eric Takala, Owner and Publisher of "Responsible Individuals Supplying Kare (RISK)", a magazine for nursing assistants, Norman, Oklahoma.