ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1038

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and

Jolley of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution designating May 6-12, 2012, as Nurses Week at the State Capitol; urging citizens to honor registered nurses; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the nearly 3.1 million registered nurses in the United States, of which 30,000 work and live in Oklahoma, comprise our nation's largest health care profession; 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 American Nurses Association and the Oklahoma Nurses Association, as the voice for the registered nurses, is working to chart a new course for a healthy state and nation 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, the cost-effective, safe and high-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 American Nurses Association, the Oklahoma Nurses Association and other specialty nurses associations represented here in Oklahoma have declared the week of May 6-12, 2012, as Nurses Week with the theme "Nurses: Advocating, Leading, Caring".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature, in recognition of the many ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and high-quality patient care and map out the way to improve our health care system, designates the week of May 6-12, 2012, as "Nurses Week" at the Oklahoma State Capitol and urges all Oklahoma citizens to honor the registered nurses who care for all of us.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Jane Nelson, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Nurses Association.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 8th day of May, 2012.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2012.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate