

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT
5 RESOLUTION 1038

By: Fourkiller

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7 AS INTRODUCED

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

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13 WHEREAS, the nearly 3.1 million registered nurses in the United
14 States, of which 30,000 work and live in Oklahoma, comprise our
15 nation's largest health care profession; and

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

19 WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association and the Oklahoma Nurses
20 Association, as the voice for the registered nurses, is working to
21 chart a new course for a healthy state and nation that relies on
22 increasing delivery of primary and preventive health care; and

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

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

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, along with the American Nurses Association, the
19 Oklahoma Nurses Association and other specialty nurses associations
20 represented here in Oklahoma have declared the week of May 6-12,
21 2012, as Nurses Week with the theme "Nurses: Advocating, Leading,
22 Caring".

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

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

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

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13 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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