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Senate Concurrent Resolution 12

Sponsored by Senator MONNES ANDERSON; Senators BATES, BONAMICI, COURTNEY, DEVLIN, DINGFELDER, GEORGE, NELSON, PROZANSKI, ROSENBAUM, THOMSEN, VERGER, WHITSETT, WINTERS, Representatives BARNHART, CANNON, CLEM, DOHERTY, FREEMAN, GREENLICK, HUFFMAN, KENNEMER, KOMP, PARRISH, READ, G SMITH, THOMPSON, TOMEI, WHISNANT, WITT

Whereas 3.1 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession; and

Whereas the depth and scope of the registered nursing profession is meeting the different and emerging health care needs of the American people in a wide range of settings; and

Whereas nurses care for patients and their families in a holistic way that often goes beyond physical health needs by recognizing and responding to social, mental and spiritual needs; and

Whereas the American Nurses Association, as the voice for the registered nurses of this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing the delivery of primary care; and

Whereas a renewed emphasis on primary and preventative health care will require better utilization of all of our nation's registered nursing resources; and

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

Whereas even more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care in Oregon's communities; and

Whereas the cost-effective, safe and high-quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an ever more important component of this nation's health care delivery system in the future; and

Whereas the Oregon Health and Science University has declared the week of May 6 to 12 as Nurses Week 2011 with the theme "Nur-syn-er-gy: the power of nurses working together" to celebrate the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe, high-quality patient care and to map out the way to improve our health care system; and

Whereas the Legislative Assembly asks that all Oregonians join in honoring the registered nurses who provide health care for all of us; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly, declare May 6 to 12, 2011, National Nurses Week in Oregon.

Adopted by Senate March 10, 2011

Robert Taylor, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House May 5, 2011

Bruce Hanna, Speaker of House

Arnie Roblan, Speaker of House