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HOUSE MEMORIAL 28

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING NURSES FOR THEIR VITAL ROLE IN NEW MEXICO'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND DECLARING JANUARY 26, 2012 "NURSES DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the nursing profession is the largest segment of the nation's health care work force; and

WHEREAS, the practice of nursing covers a broad continuum, from promoting wellness to disease prevention to coordination and delivery of care to all patient populations; and

WHEREAS, licensed practical nurses, registered nurses and advanced practice nurses work in many settings, including hospitals, schools, homes, retail health clinics, long-term care facilities, colleges, prisons, battlefields and community and public health organizations; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico recognizes the important role that

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1 advanced practice nurses such as nurse practitioners, clinical
2 nurse specialists, certified registered nurse anesthetists and
3 certified nurse-midwives play in the delivery of health care;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, the institute of medicine report, "The Future Of
6 Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health", recommends that
7 nurses be full partners, with physicians and other health care
8 professionals, in redesigning health care in the United States;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the report suggests that nurses can and should
11 play a fundamental role in improving the nation's health care
12 system through increased involvement at the local, state and
13 national levels; and

14 WHEREAS, the report suggests that nurses should achieve
15 levels of education and training through an improved education
16 system that promotes seamless academic progression; and

17 WHEREAS, New Mexico has enacted legislation that expands
18 the scope of nursing practice, ensuring that nurses are able to
19 practice to the full extent of their education, training and
20 licensure; and

21 WHEREAS, the New Mexico nurses association represents
22 professional nurses across the state, encouraging lifelong
23 learning and the provision of high-quality continuing
24 education;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

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1 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 26,
2 2012 be declared "Nurses Day" in the house of representatives;
3 and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the New Mexico nurses association.

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