

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 12, 2015 "NEW MEXICO STUDENT NURSES DAY"
3 AT THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, for the past twelve years, the nursing
6 profession has been ranked by a Gallup poll as the most
7 trustworthy, ethical and honest profession; and

8 WHEREAS, forty-eight percent of current registered
9 nurses are age fifty or over and almost half of New Mexico's
10 registered nurses are within twenty years of retirement
11 eligibility; and

12 WHEREAS, between 2007 and 2014, New Mexico graduated
13 over eleven thousand licensed practical and registered
14 nurses; and

15 WHEREAS, New Mexico currently has twenty-nine
16 pre-licensure approved schools of nursing; and

17 WHEREAS, the New Mexico nursing education consortium is
18 a collaboration between seventeen community colleges and
19 university schools of nursing with a common core curriculum
20 and the shared goal of increasing the number of students
21 graduating with a bachelor of science in nursing, increasing
22 work force diversity and addressing work force shortages;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, to meet demand, the state nursing programs
25 must graduate a minimum of two hundred sixty-three students

1 with a bachelor of science in nursing annually for each of
2 the next seven years; and

3 WHEREAS, the nursing community is appreciative of the
4 legislative support it has received to promote and enhance
5 nursing programs;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 12, 2015 be declared
8 "New Mexico Student Nurses Day" at the senate in honor of
9 all New Mexico student nurses; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the president of the New Mexico nursing
12 education consortium. _____

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