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SENATE MEMORIAL 67

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

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A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the New Mexico nursing education consortium is a
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1 collaboration between seventeen community colleges and
2 university schools of nursing with a common core curriculum and
3 the shared goal of increasing the number of students graduating
4 with a bachelor of science in nursing, increasing work force
5 diversity and addressing work force shortages; and

6 WHEREAS, to meet demand, the state nursing programs must
7 graduate a minimum of two hundred sixty-three students with a
8 bachelor of science in nursing annually for each of the next
9 seven years; and

10 WHEREAS, the nursing community is appreciative of the
11 legislative support it has received to promote and enhance
12 nursing programs;

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

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the president of the New Mexico nursing
19 education consortium.

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