

By Representative Murman

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution acknowledging May 6-12, 2001, as  
3 National Nurses Week.

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5 WHEREAS, there are 2.2 million registered nurses in the  
6 United States, comprising the nation's largest group of health  
7 care professionals, and

8 WHEREAS, the skills of highly trained professional  
9 nurses are indispensable in the care of hospitalized patients,  
10 as well as in providing for the complex health care needs  
11 emerging in a wide range of settings among the populations of  
12 our communities all across America, and

13 WHEREAS, demand for the safe, high-quality,  
14 cost-effective health care provided by registered nurses is  
15 becoming noticeably more evident in light of an  
16 ever-increasing and aging population, the continuing  
17 development of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive  
18 growth in home health services, and

19 WHEREAS, the education and holistic focus of the  
20 registered nurse is geared toward the restoration and  
21 maintenance of health in the individual and the family and, as  
22 the voice for the nation's registered nurses, the American  
23 Nurses Association is promoting a renewed emphasis on the  
24 provision of primary health care and preventive health care  
25 measures, and

26 WHEREAS, while devoting more attention to primary and  
27 preventive health care services will greatly benefit the  
28 health and well-being of the public, such a direction will  
29 require better utilization of the nation's existing force of  
30 nursing professionals and will create a demand for increased  
31 numbers of registered nurses to meet future needs, and

1           WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association, joined by the  
2 Florida Nurses' Association, has declared the week of May  
3 6-12, 2001, to be National Nurses Week, NOW, THEREFORE,

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5 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
6 Florida:

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8           That the House of Representatives pauses in its  
9 deliberations to honor the nation's registered nurses,  
10 extending particular recognition and gratitude to those  
11 skilled professionals serving within the State of Florida, and  
12 requests that all residents unite with this body, the American  
13 Nurses Association, and the Florida Nurses' Association in  
14 celebrating the week of May 6-12, 2001, as National Nurses  
15 Week.

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