

By Senator Bennett

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the contribution of the
Florida Nurses Association on its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the Florida Nurses Association is a highly
respected professional organization that serves and supports all
registered nurses through professional development, advocacy,
and the promotion of excellence at every level of professional
nursing practice, and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 1909, in Jacksonville, a group of
nurses came together in order to promote unity among nurses, to
keep abreast of progress, and to unite for greater control of
nursing and, together, founded the Florida Nurses Association,
and

WHEREAS, the Florida Nurses Association was instrumental in
developing and encouraging the Legislature to pass Florida's
first Nurse Practice Act in 1913, which protects the public by
regulating the practice of professional nursing, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Nurses Association is a strong voice
for the nurses of Florida and is fueled by the strength and
commitment of the professional nurses who compose its
membership, and

WHEREAS, Florida Nurses Association members carry on the
work of the association at the local level through community
service, political involvement, health care advocacy and
education, and mentoring, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Florida Nurses Association are
registered nurses from all levels of professional nursing
practice, with a variety of education, training, experience, and

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30 specialty areas, and the members are patient advocates striving
31 to advance the profession of nursing to ensure the delivery of
32 the highest quality of nursing care, and

33 WHEREAS, the Florida Nurses Association has represented
34 registered nurses before the Florida Legislature as well as the
35 Executive Branch in order to advance the nursing profession and
36 to advocate for the patients they serve, and

37 WHEREAS, the Florida Nurses Association will celebrate its
38 100th anniversary at its biennial convention at the Tradewinds
39 Beach Resort in St. Petersburg, Florida, on September 22-26,
40 2009, NOW, THEREFORE,

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42 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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44 That the Florida Senate recognizes the 100th anniversary of
45 the establishment of the Florida Nurses Association and commends
46 the association for its contribution to the advancement of the
47 profession of nursing and to the health and well-being of
48 Florida's residents.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
50 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the Florida
51 Nurses Association as a tangible token of the sentiments of the
52 Florida Senate.