

By Senator Braynon

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Senate Resolution

A resolution commending the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) for its 40 years of advocacy for a culturally diverse health care workforce and recognizing February 2012 as "National Black Nurses Association Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA), with more than 150,000 members, represents registered nurses, students, and retired nurses in 34 states through its 80 chartered chapters, and

WHEREAS, the NBNA supports the development of a culturally diverse workforce in the health care field, and is a voice for access to affordable and high-quality health care for all Americans, and

WHEREAS, less than 5 percent of the nation's registered nurses are African Americans, and, while African Americans make up a larger percentage of the population in Florida than in many other states, there is still wide racial disparity, and

WHEREAS, the NBNA's efforts include educating and mentoring African Americans who are seeking nursing degrees, community awareness, and the promotion of career advancement opportunities for African Americans in the nursing field, and

WHEREAS, the NBNA is committed to ensuring quality of care in the nation's health care system, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the members of the Senate commend the National Black

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