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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating March 10-16, 2013, as "Nurse
3 Practitioner Awareness Week" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, after passing rigorous educational and clinical
6 examinations, nurse practitioners earn national certification
7 and go on to practice throughout Florida and the United States,
8 often independently, delivering safe, high-quality health care
9 in various areas such as primary care, hospital care, prenatal
10 and maternity care, and psychiatric care, and

11 WHEREAS, with Florida currently experiencing a shortage of
12 primary care physicians, nurse practitioners, who account for 20
13 percent of all Medicaid primary care providers in the state, are
14 often the only health care providers available to those who are
15 uninsured or who are insured through Medicaid or Medicare, and

16 WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act,
17 signed into law by President Barack Obama on March 23, 2010,
18 puts in place comprehensive health insurance reforms scheduled
19 to take effect through 2014 and beyond to improve access to
20 health care, and

21 WHEREAS, as an added measure to promote seamless,
22 affordable, high-quality health care for all, the Institute of
23 Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences has called for
24 removal of the many restrictions that prevent nurse
25 practitioners from serving within their full scope of education
26 and training, and

27 WHEREAS, the citizens of Florida would greatly benefit from
28 increased awareness of and education regarding the vital role

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29 | that nurse practitioners play in providing safe, affordable, and
30 | accessible health care in this state, NOW, THEREFORE,

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32 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
33 | Florida:

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35 | That March 10-16, 2013, is designated as "Nurse
36 | Practitioner Awareness Week" in the State of Florida.