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**HOUSE MEMORIAL 21**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002**

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**A MEMORIAL**

**RECOGNIZING NEW MEXICO' S NURSES FOR THEIR TIRELESS EFFORTS AND  
DEDICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF NEW MEXICO.**

**WHEREAS, the vacancy rate for nurses in New Mexico  
hospitals, nursing homes and other health facilities is  
twenty-one percent; and**

**WHEREAS, a nationwide shortage of nurses exists; and**

**WHEREAS, the average age of a registered nurse in New  
Mexico is over forty-six; and**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico's thirteen thousand five hundred  
nurses are essential to the delivery of quality health care in  
hospitals, nursing homes, health clinics and other facilities;  
and**

**WHEREAS, nurses are working long hours under difficult  
working conditions;**

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that all of New Mexico's nurses be  
recognized for their tireless efforts and dedication to the  
people of New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
transmitted to the board of nursing and the New Mexico nurses'  
association.