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**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 13, 2014 "NEW MEXICO STUDENT NURSES DAY" AT  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, a report to the legislative finance committee on  
the adequacy of New Mexico's health systems work force  
estimates that there will be a national nursing shortage of  
three hundred thousand to one million registered nurses by  
2020; and

WHEREAS, between 2007 and 2011, New Mexico educated over  
four thousand seven hundred registered nurses; and

WHEREAS, between fiscal year 2010 and fiscal year 2013,  
twelve million two hundred thousand dollars (\$12,200,000) in  
supplemental funding was appropriated to New Mexico's  
educational institutions to supply and enhance nursing  
programs; and

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1           WHEREAS, nursing is one of the fastest growing occupations  
2 in the United States and serves as the backbone of the health  
3 care delivery system; and

4           WHEREAS, only three out of five nurses work in hospitals,  
5 and registered nurses also conduct research and work in home  
6 health care, schools, correctional facilities, nursing  
7 facilities, public health agencies and social assistance  
8 agencies; and

9           WHEREAS, the growing number of seriously ill patients  
10 creates a demand for more complex and specialized care; and

11           WHEREAS, in-demand specialties include traveling nurses,  
12 nursing information specialists, acute care nurse  
13 practitioners, geriatric nurses, hospice nurses and home care  
14 nurses; and

15           WHEREAS, today over two hundred twenty student nurses from  
16 all parts of New Mexico are visiting the state capitol;

17           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 13,  
19 2014 be declared "New Mexico Student Nurses Day" at the house  
20 of representatives in honor of all New Mexico student nurses.