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10	A MEMORIAL
11	DECLARING FEBRUARY 13, 2014 "NEW MEXICO STUDENT NURSES DAY" AT
12	THE SENATE.
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14	WHEREAS, a report to the legislative finance committee on
15	the adequacy of New Mexico's health systems work force
16	estimates that there will be a national nursing shortage of
17	three hundred thousand to one million registered nurses by
18	2020; and
19	WHEREAS, between 2007 and 2011, New Mexico educated over
20	four thousand seven hundred registered nurses; and
21	WHEREAS, between fiscal year 2010 and fiscal year 2013,
22	twelve million two hundred thousand dollars (\$12,200,000) in
23	supplemental funding was appropriated to New Mexico's
24	educational institutions to supply and enhance nursing
25	programs; and
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WHEREAS, nursing is one of the fastest growing occupations in the United States and serves as the backbone of the health care delivery system; and

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 13, 2014 be declared "New Mexico Student Nurses Day" at the senate in honor of all New Mexico student nurses.

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