

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 3, 2016 "NEW MEXICO STUDENT NURSES DAY" IN
3 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, the nursing profession has been ranked by a
6 Gallup poll as the most trustworthy, ethical and honest
7 profession; and

8 WHEREAS, forty-eight percent of current registered
9 nurses are age fifty or over and almost half of New Mexico's
10 registered nurses are within twenty years of retirement
11 eligibility; and

12 WHEREAS, between 2007 and 2014, New Mexico graduated
13 over eleven thousand licensed practical and registered
14 nurses; and

15 WHEREAS, New Mexico currently has twenty-nine pre-
16 licensure approved schools of nursing; and

17 WHEREAS, the New Mexico nursing education consortium is
18 a collaboration between seventeen community colleges and
19 university schools of nursing with a common core curriculum
20 and the shared goal of increasing the number of students
21 graduating with a bachelor of science in nursing, increasing
22 work force diversity and addressing work force shortages; and

23 WHEREAS, to meet demand, the state nursing programs must
24 graduate a minimum of two hundred sixty-three students with a
25 bachelor of science in nursing annually for each of the next

1 seven years; and

2 WHEREAS, the nursing community is appreciative of the
3 legislative support it has received to promote and enhance
4 nursing programs;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 3,
7 2016 be declared "New Mexico Student Nurses Day" in the house
8 of representatives in honor of all New Mexico student nurses;
9 and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the president of the New Mexico nursing
12 education consortium and the executive director of the New
13 Mexico nurses association.

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