

No. R-127. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont State Board of Nursing on its centennial anniversary.

(H.C.R.98)

Offered by: Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, Spengler of Colchester, Acinapura of Brandon, Batchelor of Derby, Donahue of Northfield, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Heath of Westford, Manwaring of Wilmington, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Brien of Richmond, Pearce of Richford, Pugh of South Burlington, Toll of Danville, Winters of Williamstown and Woodward of Johnson

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Kittell

Whereas, Vermont's nurses meet the health care needs of our most vulnerable citizens in a wide variety of settings, and

Whereas, by the early 20th century, the growing impact of the nursing profession on the lives of Vermonters required its closer scrutiny from state government, and

Whereas, as a legislative response, the 1910 General Assembly enacted "An Act to Provide for the Registration of Nurses" that became law as Act 219 on January 28, 1911 and established a board of registration of nurses, the predecessor of the Vermont State Board of Nursing, and

Whereas, as provided in chapter 28 of Title 26, the Vermont State Board of Nursing (the board) is a safeguard of public health through its examination and practice authorization of registered nurses (20,000), licensed practical nurses (2,200), licensed nursing assistants (4,200), and advanced practice nurses (550), and together they are the largest group of health care professionals in Vermont, and

Whereas, the board prescribes standards for continuing educational programs and requirements for nurses returning to practice after an extended absence, and

Whereas, another important administrative role for the board is to investigate allegations of unauthorized practice, unprofessional conduct, or incompetency and to take any necessary action in response to its findings, and

Whereas, over the last 100 years, the board has conscientiously served Vermonters and the nursing profession and continues to keep pace with advancements in nursing care and service delivery, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont State Board of Nursing on its centennial anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont State Board of Nursing.