

No. R-189. House concurrent resolution recognizing the role of registered nurses in the delivery of health care in Vermont.

(H.C.R.153)

Offered by: Representatives Spengler of Colchester, Keenan of St. Albans City, Dakin of Chester, Donovan of Burlington, Acinapura of Brandon, Atkins of Winooski, Batchelor of Derby, Burditt of West Rutland, Buxton of Royalton, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Courcelle of Rutland City, Crawford of Burke, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donahue of Northfield, Evans of Essex, Frank of Underhill, Gilbert of Fairfax, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Johnson of South Hero, Kilmartin of Newport City, Koch of Barre Town, Lewis of Berlin, Lippert of Hinesburg, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, McFaun of Barre Town, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Morrissey of Bennington, O'Brien of Richmond, Pearson of Burlington, Peaslee of Guildhall, Perley of Enosburgh, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Taylor of Barre City, Toll of Danville and Townsend of Randolph

Offered by: Senators Kittell and Ayer

Whereas, 14,931 registered nurses licensed in Vermont represent our state's largest health care resource, and

Whereas, 855 advanced practice registered nurses collaborate with physicians to serve Vermonters as adult, pediatric, and family nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, clinical specialists, and nurse anesthetists, and

Whereas, registered nurses make up 70 percent of the health care providers in Vermont, and

Whereas, these registered nurses use nursing research and evidence-based practice to provide care to the citizens of Vermont in hospitals, long-term care facilities, schools, clinics, physician offices, correctional facilities, workplaces, and homes, and

Whereas, registered nurses increase their education, design their practice, and direct their research to advance nursing care in collaboration with other medical care to promote health, prevent illness, manage chronic diseases, improve the health care delivery system, and provide for the unmet health care needs of our most vulnerable citizens, and

Whereas, April 20, 2011 is Vermont Nurses' Day at the state house in recognition of the crucial role of registered nurses in the delivery of health care in Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the role of registered nurses in the delivery of quality health care, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont State Nurses' Association.