

No. R-461. House concurrent resolution designating May 6–12, 2012 as National Nurses Week in Vermont.

(H.C.R.353)

Offered by: Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, Dakin of Chester, Donovan of Burlington, Fagan of Rutland City, Malcolm of Pawlet, O'Brien of Richmond, Spengler of Colchester, Ancel of Calais, Atkins of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Bouchard of Colchester, Branagan of Georgia, Browning of Arlington, Cheney of Norwich, Christie of Hartford, Clark of Vergennes, Condon of Colchester, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Courcelle of Rutland City, Crawford of Burke, Deen of Westminster, Donahue of Northfield, Ellis of Waterbury, Evans of Essex, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Howrigan of Fairfield, Hubert of Milton, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Berlin, Lewis of Derby, Macaig of Williston, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, McAllister of Highgate, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Peltz of Woodbury, Perley of Enosburgh, Potter of Clarendon, Ram of Burlington, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Russell of Rutland City, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of Randolph, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Winters of Williamstown, Wizowaty of Burlington, Woodward of Johnson, Wright of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Ayer, Kittell and Flory

Whereas, the 14,000 registered nurses in Vermont represent our state's largest health care resource, and

Whereas, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession is meeting the different and emerging health care needs of Vermont's population in a wide range of settings, and

Whereas, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients, and

Whereas, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing growth of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services, and

Whereas, the cost-effective, safe, and quality health care services that registered nurses provide will be an ever more important component of the U.S. health care delivery system in the future, and

Whereas, the American Nurses Association and the Vermont State Nurses' Association have declared the week of May 6–12 as National Nurses Week 2012 with the theme “Nurses: Advocating, Leading, Caring” in celebration of the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and high-quality patient care and to map out the way to improve our health care system, and

Whereas, today April 19, 2012, registered nurses are visiting the state house to remind the legislature of the importance of the nursing profession in the delivery of health care services, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates May 6–12, 2012 as National Nurses Week in Vermont, 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.