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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Nurses are the backbone of the healthcare system,  
3 providing essential care, advocacy, and expertise in a variety  
4 of settings, including hospitals, clinics, schools, long-term  
5 care facilities, and community health organizations; and

6           WHEREAS, Registered Nurses (RNs) and Licensed Practical  
7 Nurses (LPNs) in the United States constitute our nation's  
8 largest healthcare profession, meeting the different and  
9 emerging healthcare needs of the American population, such as  
10 serving on the frontline of the pandemic; and

11           WHEREAS, Professional and licensed practical nursing is an  
12           indispensable component of the safety and quality of care of  
13           hospitalized and non-hospitalized patients; and

14 WHEREAS, Certified Nurse Assistants (CNAs) play an  
15 essential role in the healthcare team, providing critical  
16 support to nurses and direct care to patients, ensuring  
17 positive health outcomes and enhancing the quality of care;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, CNAs assist with daily living activities, monitor  
20 patient conditions, and provide compassionate care in  
21 hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and home

1       health settings; and

2           WHEREAS, The contributions of nurses and CNAs extend  
3       beyond direct patient care to include leadership in healthcare  
4       policy, research, education, and innovation; and

5           WHEREAS, The demand for nursing and CNA services will be  
6       greater than ever due to the aging of the U.S. population,  
7       emerging health challenges, the continuing expansion of  
8       life-sustaining technologies, and the explosive growth of home  
9       healthcare services; and

10          WHEREAS, More qualified RNs, LPNs, and CNAs are needed in  
11       the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of  
12       healthcare consumers in this State; and

13          WHEREAS, The cost-effective, safe, and high-quality  
14       healthcare services provided by RNs, LPNs, and CNAs will be an  
15       increasingly important component of Illinois' healthcare  
16       delivery system in the future; and

17          WHEREAS, Nurses and CNAs serve as advocates for patients,  
18       ensuring their voices are heard and their needs are met with  
19       dignity and respect; and

20          WHEREAS, National Nurses Week, observed annually from May

1       6 to May 12, recognizes and celebrates the dedication and  
2       invaluable service of nurses, coinciding with the birthday of  
3       Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing; and

4       WHEREAS, National CNA Week, observed annually from June 12  
5       to June 18, recognizes the dedication and commitment of CNAs,  
6       whose contributions are critical to patient care and the  
7       healthcare system; and

8       WHEREAS, It is fitting and appropriate that the General  
9       Assembly acknowledge the significant impact of nurses and CNAs  
10      and express gratitude for their service to the people of this  
11      State; therefore, be it

12      RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
13      HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14      we declare May 6 through May 12, 2025 as Nurses Week and June  
15      12 through June 18, 2025 as CNA Week in the State of Illinois  
16      in recognition of the contributions of nurses and Certified  
17      Nurse Assistants (CNAs); and be it further

18      RESOLVED, That we recognize the need to invest in the  
19      nursing and CNA workforce through policies that address  
20      staffing shortages, provide mental health support, and improve  
21      working conditions for healthcare workers; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That we encourage all residents, businesses, and  
2 healthcare organizations to show appreciation for nurses and  
3 CNAs and support efforts to enhance the nursing profession and  
4 CNA workforce, including workforce development, education, and  
5 workplace well-being; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That we encourage the residents of Illinois to  
7 celebrate the accomplishments and efforts of nurses and CNAs  
8 to improve our healthcare system and show our appreciation not  
9 only during these weeks but also at every opportunity  
10 throughout the year; and be it further

11          RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
12 presented to nursing and CNA organizations, healthcare  
13 institutions, and educational institutions as a symbol of our  
14 appreciation and recognition of their vital contributions to  
15 healthcare and society.