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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MAY 6TH-12TH AS "NATIONAL NURSES WEEK"

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, McNamara, Hull, Valencia, and McLaughlin

Date Introduced: May 09, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The nearly 3.1 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our
2 nation's largest health care profession; and

3 WHEREAS, The depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meet the
4 different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The American Nurses Association, as the voice for the registered nurses of
7 this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing
8 delivery of primary and preventive health care; and

9 WHEREAS, A renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require the
10 better utilization of all of our nation's registered nursing resources; and

11 WHEREAS, Professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable
12 component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

13 WHEREAS, The demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever
14 because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining
15 technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

16 WHEREAS, More qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the
17 increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; and

18 WHEREAS, The cost-effective, safe, and quality health care services provided by
19 registered nurses will be an ever more important component of the U.S. health care delivery
20 system in the future; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
2 Providence Plantations hereby joins the Rhode Island State Nurses Association and the American
3 Nurses Association in recognizing the week of May 6th through May 12th of 2012 as “National
4 Nurses Week” in celebration of the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and
5 high-quality patient care and map out improvements to our health care system; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives hereby urges the residents of this state
7 to join us in honoring the registered nurses who care for all of us. We furthermore celebrate
8 registered nursing's accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system and extend
9 our appreciation for the nation's registered nurses not just during this week, but also at every
10 opportunity throughout the year; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island State Nurses Association.

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