

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 112  
2 BY UPMEYER, DENNIS, SCHICKEL, GREINER, WILDERDYKE,  
3 HUTTER, RASMUSSEN, BOGGESS, DE BOEF, BODDICKER,  
4 RAECKER, FREEMAN, JACOBS, RAYHONS, HUSEMAN,  
5 HEATON, LUKAN, J. R. VAN FOSSEN, JENKINS, TJEPKES,  
6 ARNOLD, CHAMBERS, HANSON, HOFFMAN, TYMESON,  
7 GRANZOW, HORBACH, DRAKE, MANTERNACH, S. OLSON,  
8 CARROLL, DOLECHECK, DIX, JACOBY, FOEGE, WHITAKER,  
9 WISE, SMITH, THOMAS, FALLON, HOGG, D. OLSON,  
10 MASCHER, OSTERHAUS, BUKTA, JOCHUM, FORD, FREVERT,  
11 GASKILL, MILLER, MERTZ, LENSING, SHOULTZ, QUIRK,  
12 BELL, STRUYK, HUSER, D. TAYLOR, HUNTER, DAVITT,  
13 HEDDENS, COHOON, WENDT, SHOMSHOR, DANDEKAR,  
14 PETERSEN, GREIMANN, OLDSON, MURPHY, and KUHN  
15 A Resolution recognizing Iowa nursing students and faculty.  
16 WHEREAS, all Iowans benefit from the service  
17 provided by registered nurses; and  
18 WHEREAS, 38,091 registered nurses were actively  
19 licensed in Iowa on July 1, 2003, but 37 percent of  
20 hospitals and long-term care facilities reported an  
21 average of 60 days or longer to fill vacancies; and  
22 WHEREAS, the average age of most registered and  
23 licensed practical nurses is 46; and  
24 WHEREAS, the nursing shortage is projected to  
25 intensify over the next two decades; and  
26 WHEREAS, as of December 2003, 36 full-time and 41  
27 part-time nursing faculty vacancies existed at Iowa  
28 nursing colleges; and  
29 WHEREAS, the graduation rate of masters and  
30 doctorally prepared registered nurses will not be

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1 sufficient to address a projected retirement of 49  
2 percent of nursing faculty in Iowa by 2010; and

3 WHEREAS, high nurse turnover and vacancy rates, as  
4 well as the shortage of nursing faculty, negatively  
5 impact patient well-being; NOW THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

7 That the Iowa House of Representatives designates  
8 February 12, 2004, as Iowa Nursing Student and Faculty  
9 Day and invites the citizens of Iowa to recognize the  
10 need for both men and women to choose nursing as a  
11 career and to encourage the education of registered  
12 nurses at all educational levels.

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