**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE NURSING PROFESSION IN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO COMMEND THEIR SACRIFICE AND SKILL DURING NATIONAL NURSES WEEK.

Whereas, May 6 through May 12 is set aside as National Nurses Week to draw attention to the important role nurses play in the successful performance of the medical community; and

Whereas, the citizens of South Carolina place a high value on one of the nation’s greatest treasures, the health of our citizens, and celebrate the nurses who help us guard that treasure; and

Whereas, in the State of South Carolina, over thirty thousand registered nurses practice their profession, and the Senate is grateful for the many contributions they provide to the citizens of South Carolina; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Nurses Foundation annually awards the Palmetto Gold Award to one hundred nurses from across the State who exemplify excellence in practice and the highest dedication to their profession by displaying caring and commitment to patients as well as demonstrating leadership in assisting other nurses with their professional growth and development; and

Whereas, two of this year’s Palmetto Gold Award recipients, Elisabeth Bryant Cromer and Melanie M. Powers, are nurses employed by Lexington Medical Center; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate congratulate Elisabeth Bryant Cromer and Melanie M. Powers upon receiving this most prestigious award, and are grateful for the contributions that they make to the field of nursing; and

Whereas, the Senate salutes all those in the nursing profession and expresses gratitude for their caring and professional service to the citizens of this fine State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor those who serve in the nursing profession in South Carolina, and commend their sacrifice and skill during National Nurses Week.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Lexington Medical Center.

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