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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 61**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Hayashi**

May 17, 2011

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 61—Relative to California Nurses Week ~~2011~~.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 61, as amended, Hayashi. California Nurses ~~Week 2011~~. *Week*. This measure would proclaim May 6 through 12, *annually*, as California Nurses Week ~~2011~~.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, There are over 300,000 working nurses in  
2 California, representing the largest component of the health care  
3 professions in the state, whose charge is to care for and protect the  
4 public and to meet the different and emerging health care needs  
5 of the people of California; and  
6 WHEREAS, Nurses provide compassionate, culturally  
7 appropriate, and comprehensive health care to a growing and  
8 diverse population; and  
9 WHEREAS, Nurses are known to be patient advocates, acting  
10 to protect the lives of those under their care; and  
11 WHEREAS, Nurses are experienced researchers, and their work  
12 encompasses a wide scope of scientific inquiry including clinical  
13 research, health systems and outcomes research, and nursing  
14 education research; and

1 WHEREAS, The depth and breadth of the nursing profession  
2 meets a broad spectrum of the health care needs of Californians  
3 in a variety of settings; and

4 WHEREAS, A renewed emphasis on preventive health care and  
5 the early detection of disease requires improved use of the state's  
6 nursing resources; and

7 WHEREAS, Nursing is an indispensable component of the  
8 safety and quality of patient care in every health care setting for  
9 every age group; and

10 WHEREAS, The need for nursing services will be greater than  
11 ever due to the use of increasingly complex, life-sustaining  
12 technologies, the expanded leadership and practice roles of nurses  
13 in various places of service, and the critical role of nurses in  
14 responding to mass casualty management; and

15 WHEREAS, The provision of cost-effective health care services  
16 by nurses will be an important component of the California health  
17 care delivery system in years to come; and

18 WHEREAS, Over the past 107 years, California nurses have  
19 achieved life-saving gains in patient care and patient safety  
20 conditions for all Californians through sponsored legislation, public  
21 regulation, and collective action in patient care settings; and

22 WHEREAS, California nurses worked for many years to achieve  
23 the nation's first safe nurse-to-patient ratio law that studies have  
24 documented to reduce patient mortality in California hospitals and  
25 help mitigate the nursing shortage; and

26 WHEREAS, The safe, high-quality health care services provided  
27 by nurses touch the lives of every single person in California; and

28 WHEREAS, Since 1999, National Nurses Week is celebrated  
29 annually from May 6 through 12, the birthday of Florence  
30 Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
32 *thereof concurring*, That nurses are hereby recognized and honored  
33 for their accomplishments and efforts to improve the health care  
34 system in California; and be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims May 6 through  
36 12, *annually*, as California Nurses Week-~~2011~~, in recognition of  
37 the many contributions that all nurses have made to improve the  
38 health and safety of all Californians and to express deep  
39 appreciation to all of the state's nurses during that week and  
40 throughout the years to come; and be it further

1     *Resolved*, That the Legislature asks all Californians to join in  
2 honoring all nurses who provide the highest quality health care  
3 services to the public; and be it further

4     *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
5 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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