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Recognizing 2026 as “The Year of The Power of Nurses” in Celebration
of the 130th Anniversary of the American Nurses Association.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 15, 2026

Mr. MERKLEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

RESOLUTION

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in Celebration of the 130th Anniversary of the American
Nurses Association.

Whereas nurses represent the largest segment of the
healthcare workforce in the United States, serving as the
backbone of our healthcare system and as trusted profes-
sionals who protect, educate, heal, and advocate for pa-
tients and communities across every setting of care;

Whereas the American Nurses Association, founded in 1896,
has stood as the unified voice for the nation’s nurses for
130 years, advancing the profession through advocacy,
education, and standards that safeguard the health, safe-
ty, and well-being of the country;

Whereas, for more than a century, nurses have been on the
frontlines of every major health challenge, demonstrating

extraordinary skill, courage, and resilience whether responding to pandemics, delivering primary care, conducting groundbreaking research, leading public health efforts, educating the next generation, or shaping health policy;

Whereas The Power of Nurses represents the enduring strength, leadership, and expertise of nurses, reflecting their role as caretakers, clinicians, innovators, educators, mentors, and changemakers who expand access to care and improve patient outcomes for all;

Whereas the year 2026 marks a momentous milestone, the 130th Anniversary of the American Nurses Association, providing an opportunity to honor the nursing profession's rich legacy, recognize the countless ways nurses advance health and healing, and reaffirm their essential role in sustaining the well-being of our country; and

Whereas it is fitting that we dedicate the year 2026 to celebrating and recognizing The Power of Nurses, honoring their compassion, expertise, and unwavering commitment to improving lives and shaping a healthier future for us all: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes 2026 as “The Year of The Power
3 of Nurses” in recognition of the 130th Anniversary
4 of the American Nurses Association; and

5 (2) honors the extraordinary contributions of
6 nurses to the health, safety, and prosperity of the
7 United States of America.

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