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H. RES. 1158

Recognizing Certified Nurses Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Recognizing Certified Nurses Day.

Whereas Certified Nurses Day is a day of recognition to celebrate the contributions of board certified nurses to the advancement of the nursing profession;

Whereas certification increases employment opportunities and creates a more productive and highly trained workforce;

Whereas board certification distinguishes individuals who have met specific educational preparation and are able to demonstrate increased competency;

Whereas board certification increases the opportunity to mentor those entering the nursing workforce and demonstrate the need for continuing education and competence;

Whereas Dr. Gretta Styles was a leader in organizations dedicated to promoting quality in nursing and health care and served as President of the American Nurses Associa-

tion, the International Council of Nurses, the California Board of Registered Nursing, and the American Nurses Credentialing Center, among other nursing leadership roles;

Whereas Dr. Styles created, developed, and implemented standards and credentials for nurses, and was a pioneer both in the United States and internationally in championing the value of nursing certification before broad awareness or acceptance of its value had been achieved;

Whereas board certification is rapidly becoming the norm to distinguish that a nurse has met a level of distinction and knowledge indicating professional nursing practice;

Whereas board certification provides some assurance that the individual providing care has acquired a predetermined level of knowledge in the specialty area of practice;

Whereas numerous studies have found that one of the key barriers to getting greater numbers of nurses certified is lack of recognition and benefit; and

Whereas since 2008, Certified Nurses Day is celebrated annually on March 19, the birthday of Margretta “Gretta” Madden Styles, known as the “Mother of Nurse Credentialing”: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of Certified
- 3 Nurses Day as founded by the American Nurses
- 4 Credentialing Center (ANCC); and
- 5 (2) encourages employers and board certified
- 6 nurses to observe Certified Nurses Day with appro-
- 7 priate recognition, activities, and service to dem-

- 1 onstrate the importance of nurses to the everyday
- 2 lives of patients.

