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Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Army Nurse Corps.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted the following
concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Army Nurse Corps.

Whereas, on February 2, 1901, the Army Nurse Corps was
established, marking the entry of the first nurses and the
first women into the United States military;

Whereas the establishment of the Army Nurse Corps was a
culmination of decades of service by American women in
caring for wounded soldiers, dating back to the Revolu-
tionary War;

Whereas, during the Civil War, volunteers, including notable
figures like Dorothea Dix and Harriet Tubman, served as
nurses and paved the way for future generations of pro-
fessional military nurses;

Whereas the Army Nurse Corps has served with honor and
distinction in every major conflict since its inception, in-
cluding World War I, World War II, the Korean War,

the Vietnam War, the conflicts in the Balkans, Iraq, and Afghanistan;

Whereas, during World War I, more than 10,000 Army nurses served overseas, with many receiving distinguished service awards for their bravery and dedication;

Whereas, during World War II, Army nurses landed in North Africa and Italy, cared for soldiers on the beaches of Normandy and on the Pacific islands of Japan and the Philippines, and treated the wounded shortly after the Normandy invasion;

Whereas, during the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, more than 5,000 Army nurses provided lifesaving care, advancing the practice of nursing and serving with courage and tenacity;

Whereas, during the Cold War and the War on Terror, Army Nurses answered the call serving with valor and honor in forward medical units, combat support hospitals, and conserving the fighting strength; and

Whereas the Nation honors the sacrifices of Army nurses, with 653 of them interred in Arlington National Cemetery's "Nurses Section": Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*

2 *concurring*), That Congress—

3 (1) pays tribute to the Army Nurse Corps;

4 (2) recognizes their 125th anniversary on the
5 2nd day of February 2026;

6 (3) expresses profound gratitude for their un-
7 wavering commitment to the health care and well-
8 being of our soldiers;

1 (4) commends the unwavering steadfast dedica-
2 tion, skill, and sacrifice of Army nurses throughout
3 history and their continuous vital contributions to
4 the health and well-being of our service members;
5 and

6 (5) expresses profound gratitude to all past and
7 present members of the Army Nurse Corps for their
8 selfless service to the Nation.

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