**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE OUTSTANDING HEALTH CARE THAT NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES PROVIDE IN OUR STATE AND TO DECLARE THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2014, THE COALITION FOR ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE’S ANNUAL “NURSE PRACTITIONER AND CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, nurse practitioners (NPs) and certified nurse midwives (CNMs) provide care to patients in many settings across South Carolina and are advanced practiced registered nurses (APRNs); and

Whereas, more than eight hundred thousand new patients will enter the South Carolina health care system under the Affordable Care Act by the end of this year; and

Whereas, the American Association of Medical Colleges Center for Workforce predicts that there will be a ninety‑four percent increase in nurse practitioners and a shortfall of sixty‑three thousand physicians by the end of 2015; and

Whereas, NPs and CNMs were found to have patient satisfaction rates equal to or higher than physicians and also tended to spend more time with patients during clinical visits. Similar reports and statements from the *North Carolina Medical Journal*, the Federal Trade Commission, the AARP, the Kellogg Foundation, and *The Atlantic* all echo this finding; and

Whereas, the Federal Trade Commission stated in a recent policy paper, “When APRNs are free from undue supervision requirements and other undue practice restrictions, they can more efficiently fulfill unmet health care needs”; and

Whereas, the National Governors’ Association stated, “Existing research suggests that NPs can perform a subset of primary care services as well as or better than physicians”; and

Whereas, South Carolina ranks thirty‑third in the number of primary care physicians per capita and ranks among the five unhealthiest states; and

Whereas, the Coalition for Access to Health Care will host its annual Nurse Practitioner and Certified Nurse Midwife Day at the South Carolina State House on Thursday, April 3, 2014, to educate policymakers that utilizing NPs and CNMs to the fullest extent of their education and experience will ultimately save the State money and will provide for greater access to health care for all South Carolinians. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor the outstanding health care that nurse practitioners and certified nurse midwives provide in our State and declare Thursday, April 3, 2014, the Coalition for Access to Health Care’s annual “Nurse Practitioner and Certified Nurse Midwife Day” in South Carolina.

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