



SENATE RESOLUTION 05-011

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WHEREAS, The State Board of Nursing Examiners was created in 1905 through House Bill 32 entitled "An Act Relating to Professional Nursing"; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 32 created the original regulatory structure for nurses and licensure; and

WHEREAS, The original State Board of Nursing Examiners was composed of members who were trained nurses of at least 23 years of age, were of good moral character, and were graduates from a training school connected with a general hospital or sanitarium of good standing; and

WHEREAS, Louie Croft Boyd, a nurse who graduated from the Colorado Training School for Nurses in 1899, advocated for House Bill 32, and applied for and became the first licensed nurse in Colorado on July 26, 1905; and

WHEREAS, The current State Board of Nursing (board) is an eleven-member board appointed by the Governor consisting of nine members who are licensed nurses and two members who represent the public; and

WHEREAS, The board is charged with protecting the people of the state from unauthorized, unqualified, and improper application of services by individuals in the practice of nursing; and

WHEREAS, The commitment of the members of the board is a testament to public service, as these members serve countless hours, review hundreds of pages of documents, and thoughtfully preside over regulatory

matters; and

WHEREAS, The board meets its statutory charge to protect the public through education, examination, registration, and discipline of nurses; and

WHEREAS, The members of the board work diligently to constantly elevate the role of nurses, raise the standards of the profession, and enhance the dignity of the profession; and

WHEREAS, Today in Colorado there are 51,292 registered nurses who work in a variety of settings and contribute to the health and well-being of the people of this state; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

(1) That April 27, 2005, be recognized as the centennial anniversary of the State Board of Nursing; and

(2) That April 27, 2005, be recognized as Nurse Appreciation Day.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the State Board of Nursing.

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THE SENATE

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THE SENATE