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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, This year will mark the 36th anniversary of the 3 establishment and recognition of National Black Nurses Day by 4 the 101st United States Congress; and

5 WHEREAS, Black people have long been active in the nursing 6 field in the U.S.; currently, they comprise 6.7% of the total 7 nursing population and practice in a variety of areas, 8 including clinical, education, administrative, research, 9 government, and private enterprise; and

WHEREAS, Black nurses have made significant contributions to the nursing profession; as attention to the health care problems of minorities and the poor increases, Black nurses can be credited for establishing an environment of quality, service, and skill that patients have come to expect from health care practitioners; and

WHEREAS, Since February honors the contributions made to this country by Black Americans, it is fitting that Black nurses be recognized and honored for their outstanding contributions to our communities and our country; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

- 1 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 2 we declare February 2024 as Black Nurses Month in the State of
- 3 Illinois; and be it further
- 4 RESOLVED, That we urge all citizens of Illinois to
- 5 acknowledge the tireless efforts and selfless service
- 6 contributed by Black nurses every day.