

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, There are over 142,000 registered nurses and
3 26,000 licensed practical nurses in the State of Illinois;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, May 6 is recognized annually as National RN
6 Recognition Day to honor the compassion, knowledge, and
7 skills of nursing professionals; and

8 WHEREAS, Registered nurses provide the necessary
9 treatment, continual assessment of conditions, and education
10 that patients require when hospitalized; and

11 WHEREAS, Recent studies published in the Journal of the
12 American Medical Association and the New England Journal of
13 Medicine found a direct link between higher number of nurses
14 assigned to patients and lower adverse patient outcomes; and

15 WHEREAS, Nurses, as patient advocates, are joining
16 together to call for quality health care measures including
17 safe staffing, reporting of employee turnover and hours
18 worked, and public disclosure of hospital infection and
19 mortality rates; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we do hereby recognize Tuesday, May 6, 2003, as National
23 Nurses Day in Illinois; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
25 presented to the Service Employees International Union Nurse
26 Alliance of Illinois with our respect and esteem.