

Rep. Liss offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 244.

A resolution to declare May 6-12, 2012, as Nurses Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The nearly 146,488 nurses in Michigan comprise the largest group of health care professionals in the state; and

Whereas, Nurses provide the most direct and continuous care to populations of every age and in every environment of care; and

Whereas, Nursing has been proven to be an indispensable component in the delivery of safe, effective, quality care for patients in virtually every setting; and

Whereas, Nurses generate and use specialized knowledge, skill, and caring to improve the health status of the public; and

Whereas, Nurses volunteer countless hours to their professional and other organizations to address health, health policy, and professional issues; and

Whereas, Each year the demand for nursing services will increase because of the aging of the Michigan population, continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, increasingly complex health care needs of Michigan citizens, and the explosive growth of residential and home care services; and

Whereas, The development and maintenance of a vital nursing workforce in Michigan is of concern to all of our residents; and,

Whereas, National Nurses Week, beginning May 6, 2012, provides an excellent opportunity to extend our appreciation and gratitude to the nurses of Michigan who serve twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week throughout the state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare May 6-12, 2012, as Nurses Week in the state of Michigan. We ask that all residents of Michigan join in honoring the nurses who care for all of us. We also encourage all citizens to show appreciation for accomplishments in the field of nursing and efforts to improve the health of our state not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.