

2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 81

1	Relating to: commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the
2	Wisconsin Nurses Association.
3	Whereas, October 22, 2009, marks the official beginning of a year-long
4	celebration commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Wisconsin Nurses
5	Association; and
6	Whereas, this historic event will be recognized during a year of observances at
7	both the 2009 and 2010 Annual Wisconsin Nurses Association Conventions; and
8	Whereas, after the Association was incorporated, 94 nurses attended the first
9	Wisconsin Nurses Association meeting at the Pfister Hotel on March 31, 1910; and
10	Whereas, the WNA nurses, all of whom were women and did not have the legal
11	right to vote, successfully lobbied the legislature for licensure of nurses as a means
12	of protecting the public; and
13	Whereas, many of Wisconsin's registered nurses have served in the military,
14	past and present, and are continually vigilant and ready to respond when called for
15	a war, conflict, or national emergency; and

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Whereas, many thousands of Wisconsin nurses have cared for, nurtured, and
 served the residents of this state, thereby improving the health of Wisconsin's
 citizens; and

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Whereas, the Wisconsin Nurses Association has provided significant
leadership in providing diverse and creative educational activities to enhance the
skills and abilities of professional nurses; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Nurses Association has acted as the leader in assuring
the passage of public policy that supports healthy communities; now, therefore, be
it

10 **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the legislature 11 commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Wisconsin Nurses Association and 12 congratulates the Association for serving as the voice of registered nurses in this 13 state for the past 100 years.

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