

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation to support  
2 H.Res. 485, The National Nurses Act of 2013, or similar  
3 legislation, which designates the Chief Nurse Officer of the  
4 United States Public Health Service as the National Nurse for  
5 Public Health.

6 WHEREAS, This nation continues to face an epidemic of  
7 preventable conditions and chronic diseases that are soaring to  
8 alarming rates; and

9 WHEREAS, Nurses are crucial to the promotion of preventive  
10 care and the caring of the whole person; and

11 WHEREAS, Nurses are highly valued and trusted by the public  
12 and are often in a position to deliver educational messages to  
13 the public about ways to improve their health and prevent  
14 disease; and

15 WHEREAS, Under H.Res. 485, the National Nurse for Public  
16 Health would act to raise awareness of health issues and promote  
17 good health through education and community outreach; and

18 WHEREAS, The National Nurse for Public Health would also

1 serve as an effective partner to the existing United States  
2 Office of the Surgeon General; and

3 WHEREAS, The National Nurse for Public Health would  
4 participate in the identification of health priorities, enhance  
5 recruitment to combat the serious nursing shortage, play a role  
6 when necessary to mobilize large numbers of nurse volunteers to  
7 respond to emergencies, engage practicing nurses and other  
8 health professionals, students and retirees to participate in  
9 health promotion activities and replicate successful health  
10 promotion programs; and

11 WHEREAS, H.Res. 485 was introduced on February 4, 2013, in  
12 the United States House of Representatives by Congresswoman  
13 Eddie Bernice Johnson, a nurse representing the 30th Legislative  
14 District of Texas, and also by Congressman Peter King,  
15 representing the 3rd Legislative District of New York; and

16 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of  
17 Pennsylvania represents thousands of nurses and nurse educators  
18 across this Commonwealth; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly  
20 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Pennsylvania  
21 Congressional Delegation to support H.Res. 485, The National  
22 Nurses Act of 2013, or similar legislation, which designates the  
23 Chief Nurse Officer of the United States Public Health Service  
24 as the National Nurse for Public Health; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
26 each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

Member of Congress