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Whereas there are more than 106,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States providing high-quality, cost-effective health care;

Whereas nurse practitioners are registered nurses, with advanced education and advanced clinical training, most with master's or post-master's degrees;

Whereas nurse practitioners diagnose acute and chronic conditions, prescribe medications, treat illnesses, and counsel patients on health care issues, in coordination with physicians and other health care providers;

Whereas the excellence, safety, and cost-effectiveness of the care provided by nurse practitioners has been established;

Whereas nurse practitioners provide health care to people of all ages and in diverse health care settings, such as private office practice, hospitals, long-term care facilities, schools, State and local health departments, and managed care facilities;

Whereas more than 20 percent of nurse practitioners practice in rural settings with populations of less than 25,000, and of the 62 percent who work in cities with populations of more than 50,000, more than 39 percent work in inner-city areas; and

Whereas the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners has designated the week of November 7–13, 2004, as National Nurse Practitioners Week in recognition of the many contributions that this dedicated group of health care professionals makes to the health and well-being of the people in the communities they serve in this great country: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) honors the goals and ideals of National
 4 Nurse Practitioners Week; and

1 (2) offers sincere support to nurse practitioners
2 around the country as they continue to provide high-
3 quality health care to many Americans.

 Passed the House of Representatives October 6,
2004.

Attest:

Clerk.