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H. RES. 1403

Recognizing the 65th anniversary of the Bolton Act of 1943, creating the
Cadet Nurse Corps.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2008

Mr. LATOURETTE (for himself, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. REGULA, Mrs. LOWEY, and Mr. HOBSON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 65th anniversary of the Bolton Act of 1943,
creating the Cadet Nurse Corps.

Whereas the Bolton Act of 1943, introduced by Congresswoman Frances Payne Bolton, created the Cadet Nurse Corps that provided Federal funds to and facilitated the training of nearly 125,000 nurses during World War II, greatly increasing the wartime supply of nurses and care for American citizens on both the home and war fronts;

Whereas the Cadet Nurse Corps introduced by the Bolton Act significantly improved post-World War II nursing education, replacing the apprenticeship-type training approach in nursing schools with an academic approach and encouraging nurses to study related areas of public health, pediatrics, psychiatric care, and convalescent care;

Whereas the Bolton Act improved educational, housing, and library facilities throughout the United States;

Whereas the Bolton Act further benefitted the nursing field by prompting attention and Federal financial aid to graduate nursing degrees;

Whereas the Bolton Act contributed to the integration of Black women into the nursing field by requiring all-White schools to admit African-Americans;

Whereas the Bolton Act encouraged minorities, who now comprise 25 percent of the nursing population, to pursue careers in the nursing field; and

Whereas the Bolton Act passed unanimously by Congress and became law on July 1, 1943: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors the 65th anniversary of the Bolton
3 Act facilitating the training and careers of nurses;

4 (2) recognizes the profound importance of the
5 Bolton Act to nursing; and

6 (3) encourages the recognition of Frances
7 Payne Bolton's introduction of the Bolton Act.

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