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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, St. John's Hospital School of Nursing, the first  
3 Catholic school of nursing in the United States, was  
4 established on October 4, 1886 in Springfield for the members  
5 of the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis; and

6           WHEREAS, Their mission was to care for the sick and the  
7 needy of the community in a spirit of joy, respect, and  
8 commitment to competence; and

9           WHEREAS, From that day until the present, the values and  
10 vision of the Hospital Sisters have underscored and directed  
11 the efforts of the faculty and students; and

12           WHEREAS, In 1912, the school accepted the first laywoman  
13 and voluntarily sought approval from the Illinois Department of  
14 Registration and Education; and

15           WHEREAS, In 1952, when the National League for Nursing  
16 first began its accreditation program for schools of nursing,  
17 St. John's was among those who came forward to meet this new  
18 challenge; and

19           WHEREAS, Today, St. John's College students earn a Bachelor  
20 of Science Degree in Nursing; and

1           WHEREAS, St. John's College has a vision to educate nurses  
2           and health care professionals for innovative practice  
3           excellence and values-based leadership; and

4           WHEREAS, Over 3,327 nursing students have been educated at  
5           St. John's since the establishment of the school; therefore, be  
6           it

7           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8           NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9           we proclaim October 4, 2011 as "St. John's College Day" in the  
10          State of Illinois and congratulate the College on their 125th  
11          anniversary; and be it further

12          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13          presented to St. John's Hospital School of Nursing as a symbol  
14          of our respect and esteem.