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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Neonatal Nurses Week, also known as Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Nurses Week, is an annual celebration of the hard work and dedication of the nurses who take care of babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU); and

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WHEREAS, The NICU is a unit in a hospital that provides around-the-clock special care to sick or preterm babies from health care providers who have special training and equipment to give babies the best possible care; and

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WHEREAS, Common health conditions treated in the NICU include birth defects, breathing problems, feeding issues, gastroschisis, infections, jaundice, problems maintaining a normal body temperature, problems maintaining normal sugar levels, retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP), and surgical conditions; and

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WHEREAS, Every baby in a NICU is cared for by many different health care professionals, including registered nurses, nurse managers, neonatal nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, developmental care specialists, and charge nurses; and

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WHEREAS, Neonatal nurses perform life-saving and

1 life-changing work each day to help ensure children can lead  
2 healthy and successful lives; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
4 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we declare September 13-19, 2025 as Neonatal Nurses Week in  
6 the State of Illinois; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we encourage the celebration of neonatal  
8 nurses for the skill, professionalism, and care they provide  
9 to newborn babies.