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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The executive board of the World Health  
3 Organization designated the year 2020 as "Year of the Nurse and  
4 Midwife" in conjunction with the 200th birthday of Florence  
5 Nightingale; and

6 WHEREAS, The World Health Organization is urging world  
7 leaders to make investments in nursing and to pave the way for  
8 a brighter future for health around the world; and

9 WHEREAS, Nurses and nurse midwives have a critical role in  
10 health promotion, disease prevention, and the delivery of care  
11 in all settings; and

12 WHEREAS, Illinois has 185,992 registered nurses living and  
13 working in the State, of which 13,746 are also licensed as  
14 advanced practice registered nurses, and 24,763 licensed  
15 practical nurses, making nursing the largest licensed health  
16 care profession; and

17 WHEREAS, There are over 525 active certified  
18 nurse-midwives (CNMs) licensed through the Illinois State  
19 Board of Nursing; and

20 WHEREAS, There are 129 schools of nursing in Illinois; and

1           WHEREAS, The care provided by nurses in Illinois is the  
2 primary component to a successful health care delivery system;  
3 and

4           WHEREAS, Since 2015, nurse researchers in Illinois have  
5 been awarded funding from the National Institute of Nursing  
6 Research in excess of \$27 million, to provide the  
7 evidence-based findings to improve health for individuals,  
8 families, and communities; and

9           WHEREAS, CNMs are primary care providers throughout a  
10 woman's life span, promoting the health and well-being of  
11 newborns and women, and care for families and communities  
12 during a time of an obstetric workforce shortage in the  
13 country; therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
16 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we declare 2020 as the "Year of the  
17 Nurse and Midwife" in the State of Illinois; and be it further

18           RESOLVED, That we recognize the vital role of nurses and  
19 nurse midwives in promoting and providing health care to the  
20 residents of Illinois and the importance of investment in  
21 nursing education and research to develop a sufficient and

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1 effective workforce.