

as well as other regional institutions in the Asia-Pacific region;

(4) that the United States Government is committed to working with all ASEAN member-states to encourage the development of open and free democratic institutions in Burma that allow for the full participation of political opposition and ethnic minority groups; and

(5) that a stronger, more integrated ASEAN serves shared interests in regional peace, stability, and prosperity.

S. RES. 641

Whereas on September 24, 2005, Hurricane Rita made landfall as a Category 3 hurricane just east of the Texas-Louisiana border, between Sabine Pass and Johnson's Bayou, with wind speeds of 120 miles per hour, and further devastated the Gulf Coast, which had already been hit by Hurricane Katrina;

Whereas Hurricane Rita caused 7 deaths, forced 3,000,000 residents to evacuate their homes, caused flooding and tornadoes in the States of Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Alabama, and, according to the National Climatic Data Center, left 1,000,000 people without electricity;

Whereas damages from Hurricane Rita are estimated at \$11,300,000,000;

Whereas in 2005, Hurricane Rita was the second hurricane to reach Category 5 status in the Gulf of Mexico, which, according to the National Climatic Data Center, is only the third time that more than one Category 5 storm has formed in the Atlantic in the same year;

Whereas the storm surge from Hurricane Rita was as high as 15 feet near the landfall site and, according to the United States Geological Survey, traveled as far as 50 miles inland, causing disastrous flooding and massive loss of property;

Whereas tens of thousands of homes and businesses in the States of Louisiana and Texas were destroyed by the flooding; and

Whereas the National Wetlands Center of the United States Geological Survey indicates that 217 square miles of the coastal land of the State of Louisiana were transformed to water after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) observes the 5th anniversary of the date on which Hurricane Rita devastated the coasts of the States of Louisiana and Texas;

(2) expresses the support of the Senate to the survivors of Hurricane Rita and the condolences of the Senate to the families of the victims of Hurricane Rita;

(3) commends the courageous efforts of those who assisted in the response to the storm and the recovery process;

(4) recognizes the contributions the affected communities in the States of Louisiana and Texas have made to the United States; and

(5) reaffirms the commitment of the Senate to rebuild, renew, and restore the Gulf Coast region.

S. RES. 642

Whereas, in 1983, the Institute of Medicine recommended that nursing research be included in biomedical and behavioral science research;

Whereas the Health Research Extension Act of 1985 (Public Law 99-158; 99 Stat. 820) established the National Center for Nursing Research (referred to in this preamble as the "Center") within the National Institutes of Health to disseminate information related to basic and clinical nursing research;

Whereas the National Center for Nursing Research excelled in carrying out the purpose of the Center to provide research training and fellowships in the areas of disease prevention, health promotion, and nursing care for individuals with acute and chronic

illnesses and the families of those individuals;

Whereas Congress, recognizing the contributions of the National Center for Nursing Research to improving quality care and health, redesignated the Center as the National Institute of Nursing Research (referred to in this preamble as the "NINR") through the enactment of the National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act of 1993 (Public Law 103-43; 107 Stat. 122);

Whereas the research focus of the NINR for the 25 years prior to the approval of this resolution has resulted in advances in nursing science at all stages of the lifespan of an individual;

Whereas the mission of the NINR is to promote and improve the health of individuals, families, communities, and vulnerable populations of the United States;

Whereas the NINR views nursing science as the cornerstone for integrating biological and behavioral sciences, exploring innovations, and improving research methods;

Whereas research funded by the NINR has improved the health outcomes and enhanced the quality of life of the people of the United States by managing disease and relieving symptoms of disease;

Whereas the NINR is committed to helping to eliminate the health disparities facing minority and disadvantaged populations across the United States;

Whereas the NINR holds the principal responsibility for end-of-life research conducted at the National Institutes of Health; and

Whereas the NINR spends a remarkable 7 percent of the budget of the NINR on training new researchers, ensuring that the number of nurse scientists and the faculty educating the next generation of professional nursing students continues to grow: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the National Institute of Nursing Research on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and

(2) commends the National Institute of Nursing Research for its ongoing support of nursing research, which is integral to the health of the people of the United States.

S. RES. 643

Whereas nurse-managed health clinics are nonprofit community-based health care sites that offer primary care and wellness services based on the nursing model;

Whereas the nursing model emphasizes the protection, promotion, and optimization of health as well as the prevention of illness and the alleviation of suffering along with diagnosis and treatment;

Whereas nurse-managed health clinics are led by advanced practice nurses and staffed by an interdisciplinary team of highly qualified health care professionals;

Whereas nurse-managed health clinics offer a broad scope of services that may include treatment for acute and chronic illnesses, routine physical exams, immunizations for adults and children, disease screenings, health education, prenatal care, dental care, and drug and alcohol treatment;

Whereas nurse-managed health clinics have a proven track record, as the first federally funded nurse-managed health clinic was created more than 30 years prior to the date of approval of this resolution;

Whereas, as of the date of approval of this resolution, more than 200 nurse-managed health clinics provide care across the United States and record over 2,000,000 client encounters annually;

Whereas nurse-managed health clinics serve a unique dual role as both safety net access points and health workforce development sites, given that the majority of nurse-

managed health clinics are affiliated with schools of nursing and serve as clinical education sites for health professions students;

Whereas nurse-managed health clinics strengthen the health care safety net by expanding access to primary care and chronic disease management services for vulnerable and medically underserved populations in diverse rural, urban, and suburban communities;

Whereas research has shown that nurse-managed health clinics experience high patient retention and patient satisfaction rates, and nurse-managed health clinic patients experience higher rates of generic medication fills and lower hospitalization rates when compared to similar safety net providers; and

Whereas the use of nurse-managed health clinics offering both primary care and wellness services will help meet this increased demand in a cost-effective manner: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning October 3, 2010, as "National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week";

(2) supports the ideals and goals of National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week; and

(3) encourages the expansion of nurse-managed health clinics so that nurse-managed health clinics may continue to serve as health care workforce development sites for the next generation of primary care providers.

#### APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 107-12, appoints the following individuals as members of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board: Charles Massarone of Kentucky and Andy Nimmo of Missouri.

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the Public Law 110-298, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board: Richard Gardner of Nevada.

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the Public Law 110-298, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board: Nick DiMarco of Ohio.

#### ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2010

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 24; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.