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Whereas chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (referred to in this concurrent resolution as "COPD") is primarily associated with emphysema and chronic bronchitis, conditions with which 3,000,000 and 9,000,000 people in the United States, respectively, have been diagnosed;

Whereas COPD is progressive and irreversible;

Whereas as COPD progresses, the airways and alveoli in the lungs lose elasticity and the airway walls collapse, closing off smaller airways and narrowing larger ones;

Whereas symptoms of COPD include chronic coughing, chest tightness, shortness of breath, increased effort to breathe, increased mucus production, and frequent clearing of the throat;

Whereas risk factors for COPD include long-term smoking, a family history of COPD, exposure to air pollution or second-hand smoke, and a history of childhood respiratory infections;

Whereas more than half of all people who suffer from COPD report that their condition limits their ability to work, sleep, and participate in social and physical activities;

Whereas more than half of all people who suffer from COPD feel they are not in control of their breathing, panic when they cannot catch their breath, and expect their condition to worsen;

Whereas 16,000,000 people in the United States have been diagnosed with some form of COPD and an estimated 16,000,000 people in the United States with COPD are undiagnosed;

Whereas nearly 107,000 people died in the United States of COPD in 1998, making COPD the fourth leading cause of death in the United States;

Whereas COPD accounted for 13,400,000 office visits to doctors in 1997 and 668,362 hospitalizations in 1998;

Whereas COPD costs the economy of the United States an estimated \$30,400,000,000 a year;

Whereas in 1997, 24 States experienced death rates from COPD which were between 41 and 61 deaths per 100,000 people; and

Whereas too many people with COPD are not diagnosed or are not receiving adequate treatment: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—

(1) November of each year should be established as "Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month" to raise public awareness about the prevalence of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and the serious problems associated with the disease; and

(2) the President should issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate programs and activities.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4312. Mr. REID (for Ms. MIKULSKI for himself, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. GREGG, Mr. FRIST, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DODD, Mr. DASCHLE, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. REED, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BOND, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. BAYH, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr.

CLELAND, Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire, and Mr. INHOFE)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3487, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to health professions programs regarding the field of nursing.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Nurse Reinvestment Act".

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title.
Sec. 2. Table of contents.

TITLE I—NURSE RECRUITMENT

- Sec. 101. Definitions.
Sec. 102. Public service announcements regarding the nursing profession.
Sec. 103. National Nurse Service Corps.

TITLE II—NURSE RETENTION

- Sec. 201. Building career ladders and retaining quality nurses.
Sec. 202. Comprehensive geriatric education.
Sec. 203. Nurse faculty loan program.
Sec. 204. Reports by General Accounting Office.

TITLE I—NURSE RECRUITMENT

SEC. 101. DEFINITIONS.

Section 801 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 296) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(9) AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER.—The term 'ambulatory surgical center' has the meaning applicable to such term under title XVIII of the Social Security Act.

"(10) FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER.—The term 'Federally qualified health center' has the meaning given such term under section 1861(aa)(4) of the Social Security Act.

"(11) HEALTH CARE FACILITY.—The term 'health care facility' means an Indian Health Service health center, a Native Hawaiian health center, a hospital, a Federally qualified health center, a rural health clinic, a nursing home, a home health agency, a hospice program, a public health clinic, a State or local department of public health, a skilled nursing facility, an ambulatory surgical center, or any other facility designated by the Secretary.

"(12) HOME HEALTH AGENCY.—The term 'home health agency' has the meaning given such term in section 1861(o) of the Social Security Act.

"(13) HOSPICE PROGRAM.—The term 'hospice program' has the meaning given such term in section 1861(dd)(2) of the Social Security Act.

"(14) RURAL HEALTH CLINIC.—The term 'rural health clinic' has the meaning given such term in section 1861(aa)(2) of the Social Security Act.

"(15) SKILLED NURSING FACILITY.—The term 'skilled nursing facility' has the meaning given such term in section 1819(a) of the Social Security Act."

SEC. 102. PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING THE NURSING PROFESSION.

Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 296 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"PART H—PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

"SEC. 851. PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall develop and issue public service announcements that advertise and promote the nursing profession, highlight the advantages and rewards of nursing, and encourage individuals to enter the nursing profession.

"(b) METHOD.—The public service announcements described in subsection (a) shall be broadcast through appropriate media outlets, including television or radio, in a manner intended to reach as wide and diverse an audience as possible.

"(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2007.

"SEC. 852. STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award grants to eligible entities to support State and local advertising campaigns through appropriate media outlets to promote the nursing profession, highlight the advantages and rewards of nursing, and encourage individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds to enter the nursing profession.

"(b) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity that receives a grant under subsection (a) shall use funds received through such grant to acquire local television and radio time, place advertisements in local newspapers, or post information on billboards or on the Internet in a manner intended to reach as wide and diverse an audience as possible, in order to—

"(1) advertise and promote the nursing profession;

"(2) promote nursing education programs;

"(3) inform the public of financial assistance regarding such education programs;

"(4) highlight individuals in the community who are practicing nursing in order to recruit new nurses; or

"(5) provide any other information to recruit individuals for the nursing profession.

"(c) LIMITATION.—An eligible entity that receives a grant under subsection (a) shall not use funds received through such grant to advertise particular employment opportunities.

"(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2007."

SEC. 103. NATIONAL NURSE SERVICE CORPS.

(a) LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.—Section 846(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 297n(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by striking "in an Indian Health Service health center" and all that follows to the semicolon and inserting "at a health care facility with a critical shortage of nurses"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following: "After fiscal year 2007, the Secretary may