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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Clinical Nurse Specialist Week”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia submitted the following resolution; which was
referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Clinical Nurse
Specialist Week”.

Whereas Clinical Nurse Specialists are advanced practice reg-
istered nurses focused on the care of the patient and how
best to improve quality, safety, and outcomes;

Whereas Clinical Nurse Specialists hold graduate-level edu-
cation, including master’s or doctoral degrees, and are li-
censed and certified to provide advanced assessment, di-
agnosis, and treatment across a wide range of specialty
populations and care settings;

Whereas the members of the National Association of Clinical
Nurse Specialists practice across the United States, pro-
viding expert clinical care, mentorship, and systems-level

leadership in hospitals, clinics, long-term care, and community health settings nationwide;

Whereas Clinical Nurse Specialists play a critical role in reducing hospital-acquired conditions, improving care transitions, supporting nursing workforce development, and advancing evidence-based practice;

Whereas the Clinical Nurse Specialist role has historically lacked a distinct occupational classification in Federal labor statistics, limiting the ability of policymakers, workforce planners, and researchers to accurately track and support this segment of the nursing workforce;

Whereas Clinical Nurse Specialists have demonstrated significant value in rural and underserved communities by extending access to specialized clinical expertise;

Whereas the first week of September is recognized by the nursing profession as National Clinical Nurse Specialist Week, a time to celebrate the contributions of Clinical Nurse Specialists to the health and well-being of patients, families, and communities across the United States; and

Whereas National Clinical Nurse Specialist Week provides an opportunity to raise public awareness of the Clinical Nurse Specialist role and to encourage the recruitment and retention of nurses into Clinical Nurse Specialist practice and education: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of “National
3 Clinical Nurse Specialist Week”;

4 (2) recognizes the contributions of Clinical
5 Nurse Specialists to improving patient outcomes, ad-

1 vancing nursing practice, and strengthening health
2 care systems throughout the United States;

3 (3) encourages the people of the United States
4 to observe National Clinical Nurse Specialist Week
5 with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activi-
6 ties; and

7 (4) reaffirms its commitment to supporting
8 policies that ensure the Clinical Nurse Specialist
9 workforce is accurately counted, appropriately classi-
10 fied, and adequately supported in Federal health
11 workforce planning.