

Resolution to Honor Nurses Who Care for Veterans and Their Families

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WHEREAS, nursing has a history of providing supportive, quality health care for military service members during and after tours of duty in global settings; and

WHEREAS, mental health disorders and chronic medical conditions have been seen in veterans returning from combat since the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, current research has shown an increase, not only in the diagnosis of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), but also in the diagnosis of additional medical and multiple mental health problems; and

WHEREAS, increased numbers of veterans sustain physical injuries that can lead to lifelong disabilities; and

WHEREAS, nurses are called upon to deliver highly complex care to these veterans; and

WHEREAS, families and communities need nursing's support in accepting the care giving role of the veteran into the home; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Texas Nurses Association (TNA) honor those Texas nurses who provide care and support to our country's veterans in federal, state and local communities; and

RESOLVED, that TNA support efforts to advance health care services for veterans and their families through the health care reform debate; and

RESOLVED, that TNA support the importance of the nursing role in veterans care