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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Army Nurse Corps on the occasion of its 100th
2 anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, During the Revolutionary War George Washington, as
4 commander in chief of the American forces, asked the Second
5 Continental Congress to authorize medical support for an Army of
6 20,000 men, with one nurse for every ten soldiers; and

7 WHEREAS, Although the women who served as nurses received
8 little or no actual nursing training, they paved the way for
9 other nurses to follow; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1864 President Abraham Lincoln appointed Clara
11 Barton to the position of superintendent of Union nurses; and

12 WHEREAS, Barton and her staff saved the lives of many
13 soldiers during the Civil War; and

14 WHEREAS, A formal nurse corps was created on February 1,
15 1901, when the United States Army established the Army Nurse
16 Corps as a permanent component of its medical department; and

17 WHEREAS, Nurses in the Army Nurse Corps were not authorized

1 to become commissioned officers until 1920; and

2 WHEREAS, The Army Nurse Corps had 21,480 nurses during World
3 War I, 57,000 nurses during World War II, 5,397 nurses during
4 the Korean War and about 5,000 nurses during the Vietnam War;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, A memorial for military nurses, including the Army
7 Nurse Corps, erected at Arlington National Cemetery in 1938 was
8 dedicated in 1971; and

9 WHEREAS, Currently there are approximately 3,380 nurses in
10 the United States Army; and

11 WHEREAS, The Army Nurse Corps celebrates its 100th
12 anniversary during 2001; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the Army Nurse Corps on the
14 occasion of its 100th anniversary.