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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

Introduced by: Welch

A RESOLUTION regarding the current and future need for the services of licensed nurses.

Whereas, The health care delivery system is dependent upon an adequate supply of qualified, licensed, registered nurses to meet the needs of consumers;

Whereas, The largest age cohort of registered nurses in the United States is 45 - 49 years of age;

Whereas, Many registered nurses are expected to retire from the workforce in the near future;

Whereas, The population of individuals over 85 years of

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age is the fastest growing age group in the nation and is expected to consume a disproportionate amount of health care services; and

Whereas, The need for the services of licensed nurses will increase proportionately with the needs of our aging populace: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges the
2 State Department of Health to convene a commission/work group/task
3 force to undertake a strategic planning process designed to identify
4 educational opportunities for individuals wishing to pursue careers in
5 nursing, barriers to entry into the nursing profession, and those issues
6 and factors that would favorably respond to such barriers. The
7 commission/work group/task force shall submit its findings in the form
8 of a report to the Indiana General Assembly with a listing of proposed
9 public policy initiatives not later than December, 2008. The report must
10 be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

11 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
12 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the commissioner
13 of the State Department of Health.

