

House Resolution 1684

By: Representative Ehrhart of the 36<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending public health nurses; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, public health nurses are an integral part of the health care system in Georgia,  
3 providing invaluable medical care to countless patients and empowering citizens with  
4 knowledge all over the state; and
- 5 WHEREAS, these professionals serve the residents of all 159 Georgia counties, often as the  
6 major health care resource for Georgians in rural areas; and
- 7 WHEREAS, public health nurses were instrumental in the response and recovery efforts for  
8 the thousands of Hurricane Katrina evacuees who came to Georgia seeking shelter, medical  
9 assistance, and safety; and
- 10 WHEREAS, public health nurses regularly provide flu immunizations at businesses,  
11 churches, schools, medical clinics, and other sectors of the community; and
- 12 WHEREAS, when biological threats or other public health emergencies strike, these nurses  
13 provide the frontline response, including case investigation, diagnostic testing, prevention,  
14 and treatment; and
- 15 WHEREAS, education is one of the greatest priorities of public health nurses, and they  
16 tirelessly work to spread awareness on key health related issues, including disease  
17 prevention, child safety, and high risk behaviors; and
- 18 WHEREAS, all Georgians owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to public health nurses for the  
19 outstanding contributions they make to health care in our state.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body commend public health nurses and thank them for their invaluable  
3 contributions to the health and well-being of all Georgians.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the chief nurse for public  
6 health at the Department of Human Resources, Carole Jakeway; and to Cathalene Teahan.