

House Resolution 727

By: Representatives Lindsey of the 54th, Cooper of the 43rd, Wilkinson of the 52nd, and Dempsey of the 13th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and commending the fine nurses and staff of Visiting Nurse Health System and
2 celebrating their day at the capitol on March 12, 2013; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Visiting Nurse Health System is the largest nonprofit in Georgia and provides
4 home health care and hospice services to Georgians; and

5 WHEREAS, Visiting Nurse Health System opened its doors to serve patients in Fulton and
6 DeKalb Counties in 1948 at its original location at the Academy of Medicine on West
7 Peachtree Street, Atlanta; and

8 WHEREAS, Visiting Nurse Health System began providing hospice services in 1975 through
9 Hospice Atlanta; and

10 WHEREAS, Visiting Nurse Health System is an organization dedicated to helping people
11 manage their health care needs and recover from illness in the comfort of their own homes;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the organization's nurses, therapists, and other professionals give patients
14 quality one-on-one care, helping them achieve the best possible outcomes in their homes,
15 whether they are recovering from a surgery or acute illness or managing a long-term chronic
16 condition; and

17 WHEREAS, Visiting Nurse Health System provides care for Georgia's youngest as well as
18 its oldest through its programs dealing with children's hospice and Camp STARS program,
19 which provides bereavement services to children, and Alzheimer's disease; and

20 WHEREAS, the goal of Visiting Nurse Health System is to allow patients to maintain their
21 independence and avoid hospital or nursing home stays; and

22 WHEREAS, when patients face a life limiting illness, the nurses and staff of Visiting Nurse
23 Health System recognize that those patients and their families need a special kind of care,
24 and they strive to ensure that every patient is cared for compassionately, comfortably, and
25 with dignity, receiving the support they need during this difficult time; and

26 WHEREAS, Visiting Nurse Health System also works as a partner in the Atlanta community
27 and has been a member agency of the United Way of Greater Atlanta since 1949.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body join in honoring and recognizing the work of Visiting Nurse Health
30 System and its compassionate nurses and staff for the selfless work they do in providing care
31 to Georgians and celebrate with them their day at the capitol on March 12, 2013.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Visiting Nurse Health
34 System.