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3 By Representative Lee
4 RFD: Rules
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ESTABLISHING THE ALABAMA LEGISLATURE MERITORIOUS
NURSING AWARD.

WHEREAS, it is a distinct privilege to extend
highest commendations and honor to nurses for their
exceptional contributions to the health and safety of the
people in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, nurses care for the sick, injured,
recuperating, and those at the end of their life; nurses help
the loved ones of their patients understand and cope with
illnesses, injuries, or conditions of their family members;
and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, an infectious disease caused by
the virus SARS-CoV-2, emerged quickly into a pandemic in 2020,
wreaking havoc and disruption on Alabama, as did COVID-19
variants, Delta and Omicron; and

WHEREAS, as of early January 2022, nurses have
provided care for 957,848 COVID-19 positive Alabamians since
the start of the pandemic; of those 957,848 COVID-19 positive
patients, nurses have held the hands and watched over 16,587

1 Alabamians perish as a result of COVID-19; in addition, nurses
2 helped the family members cope many times with not being able
3 to be at the bedside of their loved ones battling COVID-19;
4 nurses have also administered 5,494,252 vaccine doses to
5 protect Alabamians against COVID-19; and

6 WHEREAS, since the beginning of the COVID-19
7 pandemic, nurses have become overwhelmed, exhausted,
8 overworked, and worried about patients and patients' families,
9 while feeling anxious for their own families; and

10 WHEREAS, nurses care for Alabamians in hospitals,
11 physician offices, pharmacies, rehabilitation facilities,
12 long-term care facilities, home health agencies, and hospices;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the Alabama Sports Festival Foundation was
15 established in 1982 at the request of the United States
16 Olympic Committee to use the State Games to expose athletes,
17 volunteers, and spectators of all ages and abilities,
18 especially our youth, to Olympic sports and the overall
19 Olympic experience; and

20 WHEREAS, for 39 years, the Alabama Sports Festival
21 Foundation has encouraged Alabamians to participate in sports
22 and fitness programs for personal health enrichment and has
23 emphasized the importance of academic excellence and the
24 values of good citizenship; and

25 WHEREAS, the honoring of Alabama nurses shall take
26 place at 7:00 p.m., Friday, June 10, 2022, during the Alabama
27 State Games XXXIX Opening Ceremony in Dothan; this date is

1 designated as Olympic Day in Alabama by the United States
2 Olympic Committee; this award will honor and recognize the
3 nurses of Alabama for their selfless work and excellent care
4 of the people of Alabama; and

5 WHEREAS, the Governor of Alabama, the Alabama
6 Legislature, and the Alabama Governor's Commission on Physical
7 Fitness and Sports have partnered with the Alabama Sports
8 Festival Foundation's programs giving Alabamians an
9 opportunity to participate in programs and activities which
10 contribute to the overall well-being and health of Alabama;
11 now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Legislature
14 Meritorious Nursing Award be established and presented by the
15 Alabama Sports Festival Foundation to honor the nurses of
16 Alabama, and this resolution is offered in highest tribute to
17 them along with heartiest congratulations and warmest best
18 wishes; and a copy of this resolution shall be given to the
19 Alabama Sports Festival Foundation.