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HOUSE RESOLUTION      **26**

A RESOLUTION      honoring and recognizing the Cadet Nurse Corps.

SPONSORS:      Rep. Harding, Graf 13; Rep. Bickford, Straf 3; Rep. C. McGuire, Merr 29;  
Rep. French, Merr 6; Rep. Carey, Merr 26; Rep. Lauer, Graf 15; Rep. Tanner,  
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COMMITTEE:      Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

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ANALYSIS

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen*

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1       Whereas, in 1943, as World War II progressed, a critical need and demand for nurses developed  
2 and the federal government recognized that a highly trained corps of nurses would be an acceptable  
3 way to increase nursing school enrollment; and

4       Whereas, the federal government, through The Nurse Training Act, which was signed by  
5 Franklin D. Roosevelt, established the Cadet Nurse Corps to compensate for the shortage of nurses  
6 exacerbated by World War II; and

7       Whereas, 124,065 nurses graduated from the Cadet Nurse Corps between 1943-1948, including  
8 young women from New Hampshire, making the Cadet Nurse Corps one of the largest and most  
9 productive federal nursing programs in history; and

10       Whereas, the uniformed young women who joined the Cadet Nurse Corps were granted  
11 scholarships and stipends in exchange for providing members of the military and others nursing  
12 services for the duration of the war; and

13       Whereas, cadets served in veterans hospitals, Indian reservations, understaffed civil hospitals,  
14 the public health service, and the military; and

15       Whereas, Cadet nurses comprised approximately 80 percent of American hospital nurse staffing  
16 at the height of the war, and were credited with sustaining the hospital infrastructure of the  
17 United States during this time of critical need; and

18       Whereas, the Cadet Nurse Corps left an enduring legacy of elevated standards for nursing  
19 education across the United States, helping to ensure optimal nursing care for the citizens of the  
20 New Hampshire and other states; and

21       Whereas, the Cadet Nurse Corps' policies on inclusiveness played a significant role in breaking  
22 down social barriers that existed at the time, thereby paving the way for rich diversity in a  
23 profession that today is well positioned to meet the needs of a changing population; and

24       Whereas, in 1946 after the war ended, the Cadet Nurse Corps program was terminated, leaving  
25 many women unemployed and their contributions to the home front unrecognized; now, therefore, be  
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27       Resolved by the House of Representatives:

28       The House of Representatives honors and recognizes the invaluable courage and contributions to  
29 America provided by the Cadet Nurse Corps, particularly those from New Hampshire; and

30       That the house clerk forward official copies of this resolution to all the members of the  
31 New Hampshire congressional delegation.