

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, Families represent society's best hopes for the future for it is within the family that we first learn to communicate with others to work together for common goals, and to respect the rights, needs, and talents of others; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Maryland are deeply grateful for the love, encouragement, and support that their families provide; and

WHEREAS, On Thanksgiving Day, the people of our nation pause and give thanks for their blessings, and it is particularly appropriate during that time of year, to give special thanks for our families, and to acknowledge the vital role families play in our national life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the week in which Thanksgiving Day occurs be designated as Family Week, and that the citizens of this State be encouraged by government, businesses, schools, and other institutions to observe Family Week, with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activities.

Signed May 14, 1987.

No. 4

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 27)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

A Task Force to Study the Crisis in Nursing

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to establish a Task Force to examine ways to retain working nurses, to attract inactive nurses back into the profession, and to promote nursing as a profession in our secondary schools.

WHEREAS, The percentage of staff nursing positions in United States hospitals more than doubled in the past year; and

WHEREAS, Working conditions in hospitals, nursing homes and critical care facilities are frequently less attractive than other alternatives; and

WHEREAS, Hospital job openings for registered nurses increased from 6.3% to 10% between December 1, 1985 and December 1, 1986; and

WHEREAS, The economics of the present reimbursement system are inadequate to allow primary care providers to compete for nurses in the market place; and