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THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION HOSTS HILLARY CLINTON AT HOUSE OF DELEGATES

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Association is pleased to host Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY) at its biennial House of Delegates Thursday, June 26, 2008. Hillary Clinton will address hundreds of nurses from across the country who have come together to set nursing’s course for the future.

ANA endorsed Hillary Clinton for president during the primary season because she believes, as nurses do that health care should be a basic human right and recognizes the critical role nurses play in this arena. ANA congratulates Hillary Clinton for fighting to ensure that all Americans receive high quality, affordable and accessible care.

“Hillary is a strong advocate and a friend to nursing. ANA thanks Hillary for her continued commitment to implementing real changes in our health care system and applauds her for her historic campaign. Generations to come will look back on the 2008 campaign, and recognize Hillary Clinton’s instrumental role in breaking that glass ceiling,” said ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR. “But the future of nurses and the patients they serve is still at stake. In this election year, America’s 2.9 million nurses need to make their voices heard to make health care a priority. ANA looks forward to talking with Senators Obama and McCain about many of the issues our members care most about, specifically addressing safe and appropriate staffing.”

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