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**ANA STATEMENT ON CENTER TO CHAMPION NURSING IN  
AMERICA FUNDED BY THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON  
FOUNDATION (RWJF)**

**SILVER SPRING, MD** – The American Nurses Association (ANA) applauds the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) in addressing the 1.1 million nurse workforce shortage crisis that is currently poised to strike America’s health care system by 2020, by creating the Center to Champion Nursing in America.

“It was an honor to attend the RWJF press conference last week and witness the support from all parties involved, working together for one common goal – to improve patient care for all Americans and address the growing nursing shortage issue ,” remarked ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR.

The newly created Center to Champion Nursing in America will work to improve patient care for all Americans by pursuing an aggressive agenda to elevate the visibility of the nursing shortage while identifying actionable solutions to improve the quality of patient care. The Center is made possible by a \$10-million grant to the AARP Foundation from RWJF.

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*The ANA is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 2.9 million registered nurses through its 54 constituent member nurses associations. The ANA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the rights of nurses in the workplace, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing, and by lobbying the Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public.*