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### **ANA, ANCC OBSERVE CERTIFIED NURSES DAY**

**SILVER SPRING, MD-** The American Nurses Association (ANA), the largest nursing organization in the U.S., and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) are proud to acknowledge the value of nursing certification with Certified Nurses Day. To honor the day, Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) has introduced a resolution on the House floor to support the goals and ideals of Certified Nurses Day as founded by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and to encourage employers and board certified nurses to observe Certified Nurses Day with appropriate recognition, activities, and service to demonstrate the importance of nurse to the everyday lives of patients.

Certified Nurses Day is a special day of recognition to celebrate the contribution of board certified nurses to the advancement of nursing professionalism and to higher standards and better outcomes in patient health. March 19<sup>th</sup> was chosen because it is the birthday of former ANA and ANCC president Margretta “Gretta” Madden Styles, RN, EdD, FAAN. Gretta Styles was the architect of the first comprehensive study of nurse credentialing.

ANA and (ANCC) encourage nurses and other health care professionals to join in the campaign to have March 19 officially declared as Certified Nurses Day. Please visit <http://www.certifiednursesday.org/> for more information.

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