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Thanking and promoting the professions of perinatal nurses by encouraging participation in National Perinatal Nurses Week.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 11, 2024

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio (for himself and Ms. BONAMICI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

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Whereas perinatal nurses, which includes labor and delivery nurses, mother-baby nurses, and neonatal nurses, work with patients who are attempting to become pregnant, are currently pregnant, or have recently delivered;

Whereas perinatal nurses provide care for women with high-risk pregnancies, including those who have undergone infertility treatments, such as in vitro fertilization;

Whereas perinatal nurses continue to provide prenatal care and testing, care of patients experiencing pregnancy complications, care during labor and delivery, and care of patients following delivery when there has been a persistent

shortage of nurses across all fields while demand for nurses only continues to grow;

Whereas continuous support during labor from a registered nurse is critical to achieve improved birth outcomes;

Whereas nurses are positioned to provide unique insight into patient care circumstances where a woman is at risk of death, thereby reducing the rate of and disparity in maternal mortality;

Whereas mothers are dying in the United States at the highest rate in the developed world, and the crisis is most severe for Black mothers;

Whereas October 10, both the 10th month of the year and 10th day of this month, was chosen to celebrate National Perinatal Nurses Week to represent an Apgar score of 10, a score that represents the healthiest state for a newborn baby, and the 10 centimeters of dilation that determine a woman's successful completion of the first phase of labor; and

Whereas the week of October 10, 2024, through October 17, 2024, is set aside to celebrate National Perinatal Nurses Week to raise public awareness of and celebrate the 350,000 perinatal nurses who are clinically active in hospitals, perinatal facilities, and health centers: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives thanks
- 2 and promotes the professions of perinatal nurses by en-
- 3 couraging patients, hospital administrators, health care
- 4 professionals, policymakers, and others to become more fa-

- 1 miliar with the contributions of perinatal nurses by par-
- 2 ticipating in National Perinatal Nurses Week.

