

## House Resolution No. 4746

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State schools that admirably prepare students to be lifelong learners and skilled practitioners in their chosen fields of endeavor; and

**Whereas**, Lester L. Cox College of Nursing and Health Sciences in Springfield, Missouri, was founded in 1907 on property donated by Ellen Burge for a training school for nurses; and

**Whereas**, originally known as the Burge Deaconess School of Nursing, its doors opened under the leadership of Maude Luckey Conkling and graduated its first student in January 1910; and

**Whereas**, in 1989 Burge School of Nursing began the transition from a hospital-based diploma school to a fully accredited degree-granting institution of higher learning; and

**Whereas**, in 1994 Burge School of Nursing officially was renamed the Lester L. Cox College of Nursing and Health Sciences in honor of its longtime chairman and benefactor; and

**Whereas**, Cox College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and its nursing programs are approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education; and

**Whereas**, Cox College offers Associate of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees and certificate programs for medical transcription, medical billing/coding, and dietetic internship; and

**Whereas**, the dietetic internship program at Cox College has attained developmental accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education; and

**Whereas**, since its inception one hundred years ago, Cox College has graduated 3,635 nurses and other health care professionals to meet health care needs in communities across the Ozarks, throughout the United States, and around the world:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Cox College and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of the founding of their highly esteemed educational institution; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Lester L. Cox College of Nursing and Health Sciences in Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Bob Dixon  
District No. 140

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 4746, adopted September 14, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker