



Nursing History

- From halls of hospitals to halls of Congress
- First nurse elected to Congress in 1983
- 114th US Congress consists of 4 Nurses
- House and Senate Nursing Caucus



Nurses Currently Serving in Congress

- Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX-30)
- Congresswoman Diane Black (R-TN-06)
- Congresswoman Lois Capps (D-CA-23)
- Congresswoman Renee Ellmers (R-NC-02)



House and Senate Nursing Caucus

- **House Nursing Caucus**
 - Established in 2003
 - Educates Congress on issues important to nurses and impact on nurses
 - Holds regular meetings on topics such as nursing shortage, Medicare and workplace issues
- **Senate Nursing Caucus**
 - Established in 2010
 - Created to strengthen the nursing profession and advance the goals of the nursing community
 - Addresses issues such as the burdensome tuition debt for nursing education and patient safety
 - Serves as a forum for the nursing community to present ideas and share concerns about issues affecting nursing profession



Thank you!

