



Nursing anniversary marked in Raleigh

Sixty nursing students and one faculty member from Western Piedmont Community College attended a 100th anniversary celebration of professional nursing in North Carolina on April 2 in Raleigh. A parade of 4,000 nurses from across the state marched to Halifax Mall to demonstrate support of bills pertaining to health-care issues that have been introduced into each house of the General Assembly. All legislators were invited to attend this event. WPCC was represented by the largest group at this parade. A joint resolution was made honoring the life and memory of Mary Lewis Wyche, founder and first president of the North Carolina Nurses Association and one of the three nurses appointed to the first North Carolina Board of Nurse Examiners. North Carolina was the first state to have a Board of Nursing and the first state to have a Practice Act, due to the foresight and commitment of Wyche.