

No. R-208. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice on being named one of the top 500 home health agencies in the United States.

(H.C.R.149)

Offered by: Representatives Andrews of Rutland City, Acinapura of Brandon, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Courcelle of Rutland City, Eckhardt of Chittenden, Fagan of Rutland City, Font-Russell of Rutland City, French of Shrewsbury, Haas of Rochester, Komline of Dorset, Malcolm of Pawlet, McNeil of Rutland Town, Potter of Clarendon, Shaw of Pittsford and Stevens of Shoreham

Offered by: Senators Carris, Flory and Mullin

Whereas, the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) was established in Rutland City in 1946 “to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services,” and

Whereas, in 1967, RAVNAH became Medicare-certified, enabling it to offer much-needed medical support programs not only in Rutland City but throughout Rutland County, and

Whereas, Executive Director Ronald Cioffi and the RAVNAH management team have extensively expanded the menu of medical services offered, and

Whereas, additional specialty services instituted include: Kids on the Move, the only pediatric rehabilitation program within a 60-mile radius; a merger with the Rutland Area Hospice to provide comprehensive hospice and palliative care for terminally ill patients and their families; pediatric hi-tech care; CAIRR, the Coalition for Adult Immunization in the Rutland Region to provide flu and pneumonia vaccines at public clinics; Care Plus, private

in-home care to offer support for seniors to continue living independently; long-term care through the Choices for Care program; supportive housing services; community and workplace wellness; telehealth (noninvasive daily health care monitoring via telecommunications technologies); and the maternal child health program, and

Whereas, in 2007, RAVNAH merged with Dorset Nursing Association to expand its services to the Dorset, Rupert, and Pawlet areas, and

Whereas, in 2010, RAVNAH made over 87,000 home visits as it cared for 2,680 patients, and

Whereas, Home Care Elite is the home health industry standard for measuring organizational performance through a detailed performance analysis, and

Whereas, the 2010 Home Care Elite assessment, which evaluated 9,300 similar agencies nationwide, designated RAVNAH as one of the top 500 home health agencies in the United States, the only Vermont agency ranked in the upper five percent, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice on being named one of the top 500 home health agencies in the United States, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice Executive Director Ronald Cioffi.