

No. R-391. House concurrent resolution recognizing the outstanding health care services provided by Gifford Medical Center in Randolph.

(H.C.R.299)

Offered by: Representatives Townsend of Randolph, French of Randolph, Buxton of Tunbridge, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Davis of Washington, Donahue of Northfield, French of Shrewsbury, Haas of Rochester, Jewett of Ripton and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, Gifford Medical Center has continuously served the health care needs of central Vermont and beyond since 1903, and

Whereas, for the last 12 years, Gifford Medical Center has been the only Vermont hospital to meet its state-approved budget and operating margin, and it has embraced the Vermont Blueprint for Health, and

Whereas, the National Rural Health Association has named Gifford Medical Center one of the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals in America, and

Whereas, all of the center's primary care practices have been recognized as Patient-Centered Medical Homes by the National Committee for Quality Assurance, and

Whereas, the American College of Nurse-Midwives has named Gifford Medical Center's midwifery practice as a "best practice" in the nation among small-size practices for achieving the highest success rate with vaginal births after cesareans, and the college also awarded Gifford "runner-up best practice" recognition with respect to the lowest rate of low-birth-weight infants and the lowest rate of operative vaginal births (a birth utilizing vacuum or forceps), and

Whereas, the Robin's Nest Child Enrichment Center at Gifford has earned the maximum five "STARS" from the Vermont STep Ahead Recognition System, and it is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and

Whereas, the Menig Extended Care Facility, the Gifford Medical Center's nursing home, has been listed on *U.S. News and World Report's* "Best Nursing Homes" list as one of the 39 best nationally and the only Vermont nursing home on the survey's honor roll, and

Whereas, this superb nursing facility has for seven consecutive years received the Gold Star Employer Award from the department of disabilities, aging and independent living and the Vermont Health Care Association, and

Whereas, Gifford Medical Center is increasingly a hospital of choice for Central Vermonters seeking high-quality care and an employer of choice for some of the region's and even the nation's best health care professionals, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the outstanding health care services provided by Gifford Medical Center in Randolph, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Gifford Medical Center in Randolph.