

No. R-451. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center on its receipt of a fourth Magnet recognition.

(H.C.R.374)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, Komline of Dorset, Miller of Shaftsbury, and Morris of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, in December 1990, the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association, established the Magnet Hospital Recognition Program for Excellence in Nursing Services, and

Whereas, in 2002, this special credential was renamed the Magnet Recognition Program, and

Whereas, the demanding evaluation process can discourage smaller hospitals from applying, and

Whereas, despite these challenges, the small Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC), located in Bennington, decided to pursue this coveted designation, and

Whereas, having earned Magnet recognition in 2002, 2006, and 2010, the outstanding nursing team at SVMC was prepared to try again, and

Whereas, a Magnet recognition applicant must address over 90 standards and supply evidence supporting claims of compliance, and

Whereas, a team of four Magnet specialists visited SVMC for two and one-half days, meeting with the SVMC nursing staff as well as with the hospital's department heads, community members, and even college professors, and

Whereas, the Magnet evaluation cited three exemplary SVMC initiatives: transitional care nursing; the hospital's community care team; and the Safe Arms program that prevents infants who are withdrawing from opiates from being transferred to hospitals farther away from their families, and

Whereas, the impressed Magnet specialists were pleased to award SVMC its fourth Magnet recognition, making the Bennington-based hospital one of only 31 worldwide, one of three in New England, to be similarly honored, and

Whereas, reflecting the participatory culture at SVMC, and in a departure from the typical ANCC practice, the good news was delivered to a large group of SVMC staff viewing an online video conference call announcement on a hospital laptop, and

Whereas, SVMC can be proud of the special achievement of earning a fourth Magnet recognition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center on its receipt of a fourth Magnet recognition, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center.