

No. R-500. House concurrent resolution honoring Joseph Woodin on his outstanding leadership of Gifford Medical Center.

(H.C.R.346)

Offered by: Representatives French of Randolph, Ryerson of Randolph, Briglin of Thetford, Buxton of Tunbridge, Davis of Washington, Graham of Williamstown, Haas of Rochester, and Masland of Thetford

Offered by: Senators MacDonald, Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, in 1999, the board of the Gifford Medical Center (Gifford) appointed Joe Woodin as its administrator, and

Whereas, under his leadership, the scope of services offered at Gifford have expanded significantly and are now far more comprehensive and cover individuals from birth to death, and

Whereas, Gifford's network of community health centers now includes clinics in Berlin, Rochester, Randolph, Chelsea, White River Junction, and Wilder, the popular sports medicine clinic in Sharon, and an expanded Bethel center, and

Whereas, among the medical programs and services established at Gifford since 1999 are an expanded radiology department, a hospitalist program that is now available 24 hours per day, and the addition of a third operating room, and

Whereas, Joe Woodin has paid special attention to both ends of the age spectrum with important projects created to serve these demographics, and

Whereas, the Robin's Nest Child Enrichment Center was opened for the children of Gifford employees, and for older individuals, two garden room suites for end-of-life care and a palliative care program were established, and

Whereas, an adult day care center opened in Bethel, and the Project Independence adult day care center in Barre became part of the Gifford family, and

Whereas, Gifford's Morgan Orchards Senior Living Community will now encompass the Menig Nursing Home and both independent and assisted living residences, and

Whereas, during the past three years, Gifford has won Federally Qualified Health Center designation, been named one of the 100 Critical Care Access hospitals, and has earned the prestigious ENERGY STAR rating, and

Whereas, Joe Woodin has encouraged local economic growth through a buy local policy, and

Whereas, after 17 years of improving Gifford's services and facilities, Joe Woodin has decided to conclude his role as Gifford's administrator, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Joseph Woodin on his outstanding leadership of Gifford Medical Center, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Joseph Woodin.