

No. R-366. House concurrent resolution congratulating Southwestern Vermont Medical Center on its centennial anniversary.

(H.C.R.294)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, Gannon of Wilmington, Keefe of Manchester, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Sibia of Dover, and Sullivan of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Champion and Sears

Whereas, during the second decade of the 20th century, two philanthropic members of the Putnam Family, Henry W. Putnam and Henry W. Putnam Jr., recognized that the lack of a hospital in Bennington County limited access to health care services in southwestern Vermont, and

Whereas, the Putnams decided improved health care was essential in southwestern Vermont, and they financed the construction of a 35-bed hospital that opened on June 10, 1918 and was known as the Putnam Memorial Hospital, and

Whereas, nurse Mary Baker oversaw the hospital's administration for its first quarter-century, including a major reconstruction project following a devastating fire in 1933, and

Whereas, starting in 1955 and through the early 1990s, various infrastructure projects introduced or enhanced ambulatory and emergency services, cancer care, intensive care, long-term care, radiation therapy, and surgical care, improving the hospital's facilities to introduce advances in medical technology and meet the community's evolving health care requirements, and

Whereas, in 1984, the hospital was renamed the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center and the Putnam Memorial Health Corporation was established as its parent organization; in 2000, the corporation was renamed Southwestern Vermont Health Care; and in 2012, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Putnam Physicians was established, and

Whereas, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center is one of only 43 hospitals worldwide to have achieved four designations as a Magnet Center for Nursing Excellence; and in 2017, it received the Magnet Prize, an award for extraordinary innovation that annually only one U.S. hospital receives, and

Whereas, in 2017, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center was also awarded the 5-Star Rating for quality patient safety, and patient experience from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, making it the only 5-Star hospital in Vermont, and

Whereas, in 2018, in celebration of its centennial, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center is publishing a commemorative book, presenting a medical artifacts exhibit, and conducting a festive community day, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Southwestern Vermont Medical Center on its centennial anniversary, and be it further

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