



HR1289

LRB097 23349 MST 72194 r

1

HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Sister Elizabeth
4 on the occasion of her retirement as director from St. Bernard
5 Hospital and Health Care Center; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1995, Sister Elizabeth implemented an
7 expansion of the hospital, adding a professional building to
8 the campus to house primary care and specialist providers; and

9 WHEREAS, Sister Elizabeth's vision and commitment to the
10 revitalization and economic health of Englewood led to the
11 building of Bernard Place; a 70-unit affordable housing
12 development, Bernard Place won the prestigious Richard H.
13 Driehaus Award for Outstanding Nonprofit Neighborhood Real
14 Estate Project in 2004; and

15 WHEREAS, Sister Elizabeth recognized the importance of
16 utilizing the latest advancements in technology to improve the
17 quality of healthcare; under her direction, St. Bernard
18 instituted electronic medical record keeping, barcode-enabled
19 bedside medication verification, state-of-the-art digital
20 X-rays and mammography, and a 128-slice CT system; and

21 WHEREAS, The Pediatric Mobile Health Unit, created in 2003,

1 offers free physicals and vaccinations to school kids
2 throughout Chicago's South Side; the Dental Center opened in
3 2007, and serves more than 5,000 patients a year; recently, The
4 Clinic at Walmart, operated by St. Bernard Hospital, opened in
5 the Auburn Gresham/Chatham area; and

6 WHEREAS, In a strategic effort to deliver preventive care
7 to low-income families, Sister Elizabeth joined with four other
8 community hospital partners to found Family Health Network in
9 1995; it is Illinois' only nonprofit managed care organization,
10 serving families throughout Cook County; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we honor Sister Elizabeth for the work she has done over the
14 years for St. Bernard Hospital and Health Care Center and we
15 congratulate her on her retirement as director; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Sister Elizabeth as an expression of our esteem
19 and respect.