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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 114

BY DVORSKY and BOLKCOM

A Resolution honoring the nursing leaders at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics upon their receipt of the Magnet Award for Nursing Excellence.

WHEREAS, the Magnet Nursing Services Recognition Program was established in 1993 by the American Nurses Association's American Nurses Credentialing Center, the nation's largest and foremost accrediting and credentialing organization for the nursing profession; and

WHEREAS, the Recognition Program recognizes health care organizations that demonstrate sustained excellence in nursing care and uphold the tradition within nursing that supports professional nursing practice; and

WHEREAS, the Recognition Program constitutes the highest level of recognition that the American Nurses Credentialing Center can accord to organized nursing services in the national and international health care communities; and

WHEREAS, the Recognition Program awards its coveted honors only to hospitals that undergo a rigorous, voluntary evaluation process, and that demonstrate that they provide positive patient outcomes, recognize excellence in nursing services, and reward professional nursing achievement; and

WHEREAS, the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics have been singled out as one of only about 100 hospitals in the United States and the first hospital

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1 in the State of Iowa to receive the prestigious Magnet
2 Award for Nursing Excellence; and

3 WHEREAS, independent studies of Magnet hospitals
4 have shown that patients who receive care in such
5 centers average a shorter length of stay and have
6 higher rates of satisfaction, and that nurses working
7 in Magnet hospitals are more satisfied with their work
8 and the care they provide and remain in the workplace
9 for longer durations of time than do other nurses; and

10 WHEREAS, achieving Magnet status for the University
11 of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics was accomplished only
12 through the dedicated teamwork of many nursing
13 professionals led by Donna Katen-Bahensky, Director
14 and Chief Executive Officer of the University of Iowa
15 Hospitals and Clinics, and by Linda Q. Everett, Ph.D.,
16 Associate Director and Chief Nursing Officer, and
17 assisted by Barbara J. (B. J.) Hannon; NOW THEREFORE,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
19 congratulates the nursing leaders at the University of
20 Iowa Hospitals and Clinics for receiving the Magnet
21 Award for Nursing Excellence, and expresses its
22 appreciation for the dedication of nursing
23 professionals at the University of Iowa, for their
24 devotion to patients, and for performing the essential
25 nursing care services which enable the University of
26 Iowa Hospitals and Clinics to provide such high-
27 quality health care to Iowans and nonresidents alike;
28 and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That official copies of
30 this resolution be prepared and presented to Dr. David

1 Skorton, President of the University of Iowa, to Donna
2 Katen-Bahensky, Director and Chief Executive Officer
3 of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, and
4 to Linda Q. Everett, Associate Director and Chief
5 Nursing Officer of the University of Iowa Hospitals
6 and Clinics, to be shared with all nursing personnel
7 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in
8 recognition of the receipt of the prestigious Magnet
9 Award for Nursing Excellence.

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