

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 111

2 BY MASCHER, LENSING, and JACOBY

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

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

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

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

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

28 WHEREAS, the University of Iowa Hospitals and
29 Clinics have been singled out as one of only about 100
30 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
19 That the House of Representatives congratulates the
20 nursing leaders at the University of Iowa Hospitals
21 and Clinics for receiving the Magnet Award for Nursing
22 Excellence, and expresses its appreciation for the
23 dedication of nursing professionals at the University
24 of Iowa, for their devotion to patients, and for
25 performing the essential nursing care services which
26 enable the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics to
27 provide such high-quality health care to Iowans and
28 nonresidents alike; 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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