

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois wish to congratulate St. Margaret's
4 Hospital of Spring Valley on the occasion of its 100th
5 anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, At the turn of the twentieth century, Spring
7 Valley was a large coal mining camp with a population of
8 6,214 people; laws governing the protection of miners were
9 few; accidents and deaths were frequent; and

10 WHEREAS, The area's great need for a hospital facility
11 was recognized by the Reverend John Power, pastor of the
12 Immaculate Conception Church; he appealed to the Sisters of
13 Mary of the Presentation to staff the new hospital; 25 acres
14 of land and a two-story frame house were donated by Father
15 Power, beginning the process; and

16 WHEREAS, When the first 7 sisters arrived in November of
17 1903, they were practically without funds, and only a few of
18 them spoke English; the little hospital was nearly
19 unfurnished and contained only a five-bed ward and one
20 private room; the building was illuminated by kerosene lamps
21 and heated with coal stoves; and

22 WHEREAS, Today, St. Margaret's has Community Health
23 Clinics in 14 locations and is continually expanding and
24 improving upon its facilities and services; St. Margaret's
25 has a medical staff of more than 120 physicians, surgeons,
26 dentists, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants; more
27 than 600 nurses, aides, technicians, and various other
28 employees account for the rest of the St. Margaret's staff;
29 therefore, be it

30 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
31 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we congratulate St. Margaret's Hospital of Spring Valley on
2 the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to St. Margaret's Hospital as a token of our
5 gratitude for the many lives touched through the care given
6 at St. Margaret's Hospital.