



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, St. Bernard Hospital in Chicago is celebrating a  
3 century of continuous service to the Englewood community; and

4 WHEREAS, St. Bernard Hotel Dieu Hospital was founded in  
5 1903 by seven sisters from the Religious Hospitallers of St.  
6 Joseph, a French Canadian order; the hospital treated its first  
7 patient in December of 1905 and has operated from the same  
8 building on West 64th Street ever since; the hospital's name  
9 was changed in 1962 to St. Bernard Hospital; and

10 WHEREAS, St. Bernard added a patient care wing in 1976 and  
11 is modernizing all inpatient rooms and implementing  
12 point-of-care electronic charting; St. Bernard's emergency  
13 care facility, which opened in 1983 and was renovated in 2001,  
14 treats about 33,000 patients annually; in 2003, the hospital  
15 introduced a pediatric mobile health unit to give inoculations  
16 and medical services to schoolchildren throughout the  
17 community; and

18 WHEREAS, St. Bernard has 700 staff members and treats over  
19 50,000 patients annually, providing over \$5 million in free  
20 care to those unable to afford needed services; the Englewood  
21 community is reviving, thanks to the leadership of institutions  
22 like St. Bernard; and

23 WHEREAS, In 1999, St. Bernard formed a housing development  
24 corporation and reclaimed seven abandoned acres across from the  
25 hospital as Bernard Place, Englewood's first housing  
26 development in over three decades; Phase I has been completed  
27 with 63 fully-occupied new homes; work on Phase II will begin  
28 in 2005; Bernard Place has received the Richard H. Driehaus  
29 Foundation Award for Outstanding Non-Profit Neighborhood Real  
30 Estate Project; and

1           WHEREAS, In November, 2004, St. Bernard is unveiling the  
2           redesigned, 217-foot-long hallway of the original 1904  
3           building featuring a mural detailing the hospital's history;  
4           therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6           NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
7           congratulate St. Bernard Hospital as it celebrates its 100th  
8           anniversary and we convey our appreciation for its  
9           extraordinary service to the community; and be it further

10          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11          presented to St. Bernard Hospital with our best wishes.