



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On Wednesday, June 7, 2006, Silver Cross Hospital
3 in Joliet will celebrate the opening of its Evon D. and Jack H.
4 Keck Emergency Care Pavilion; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Keck generously pledged a gift of
6 \$1,000,000 toward the funding of the emergency department's
7 expansion; and

8 WHEREAS, The new emergency department facility will have
9 the capacity to care for 60,000 patients annually; currently,
10 the hospital sees more than 46,000 patients a year in a space
11 originally built over 15 years ago for 25,000; with 30,000
12 square feet, the new facility will have 26 treatment and six
13 observation beds, a dedicated CT scanner, a second X-ray room,
14 and a second family consulting room; there will be four trauma
15 rooms, and the rooms for sexual assault patients have been
16 improved by adding in-room showering and toilet facilities for
17 use after an examination; and

18 WHEREAS, A separate waiting area is also being added for
19 children, with amenities like video games, flat screen HDTVs
20 with VCR/DVDs, and an aquarium that will catch the attention of
21 children and make the wait a little bit easier for parents;
22 another area will have stations where people can sit with their
23 laptop computers and have free wireless access to the Internet;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Keck is a former partner of William Keck and
26 Sons Electric Company and original founder of the Joliet
27 Equipment Corporation, which is today, one of the largest motor
28 repair and sales companies in the Midwest; he was a successful
29 businessman, selling the largest motors ever built to Pacific
30 Steel; when most people his age were thinking about enjoying
31 retirement, at age 65 Mr. Keck bought the Wisconsin Steel Mill,

1 dismantled it in the middle of winter, and moved it to Joliet
2 to be cleaned and sold; and

3 WHEREAS, In addition to their business accomplishments,
4 the Kecks raised two children, Ricky and Cynthia; today, they
5 enjoy time spent with granddaughter Daphne Engle and her
6 husband Kelly Meek as well as grandson Sean Keck, his wife
7 Donna, and great-grandchildren Cynthia and Isabelle; they have
8 also supported the Mayo Clinic, Children's Memorial Hospital,
9 and United Cerebral Palsy; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we recognize Evon D. and Jack H. Keck on the occasion of the
13 opening of the Evon D. and Jack H. Keck Emergency Care Pavilion
14 at Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet, and we thank them for their
15 generosity to the emergency department expansion project; and
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Mr. and Mrs. Keck as an expression of our esteem.