

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the Illinois  
3 House of Representatives that Gibson Area Hospital & Health  
4 Services celebrated its 50th anniversary on November 20, 2002  
5 and the hospital's Auxiliary also celebrated its 50th  
6 anniversary; and

7 WHEREAS, Gibson Community Hospital opened on November 3,  
8 1952; it was built with Hill-Burton federal monies and  
9 tremendous individual and business support for the 26  
10 townships it was originally to serve; it is the only hospital  
11 in Ford County, serving over 20,000 rural and small town  
12 households within a 25-mile radius of Gibson City; and

13 WHEREAS, The name was changed in 1998 to Gibson Area  
14 Hospital & Health Services, reflecting the expanded service  
15 area and the many additional ways the organization delivers  
16 health in its area; and

17 WHEREAS, Over the years, upgrades have been made to  
18 satisfy patient needs, physician needs, service upgrades and  
19 government codes; recently, State grants provided Illinois  
20 First funding for the surgery and radiology wing with  
21 associated remodeling that took place in 2000, as well as  
22 providing a new ambulance for the paramedic-level service,  
23 and vans for the Health Express medical transportation  
24 service run by Gibson City Telecare; and

25 WHEREAS, The hospital's Auxiliary is also celebrating 50  
26 years of service; members helped sew curtains and provided  
27 nursing aide services in the early days of the hospital; an  
28 astounding 260 members perform more than 20 types of  
29 volunteer service, saving the hospital many thousands of  
30 dollars; in addition, the organization has raised tens of  
31 thousands of dollars for hospital equipment and services;  
32 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3           we commend the volunteers who comprise the Board of Directors  
4           and Auxiliary of Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services for  
5           working to ensure that quality health care is available in  
6           the years to come and we congratulate them on their 50th  
7           anniversary; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9           delivered to the President of the Board of Directors, Jim  
10          Hood, and the Auxiliary Co-Presidents, Brenda Arends and Ann  
11          Spangler as an expression of our respect and esteem.