

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 22

Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

WHEREAS, Alegent Health is the largest not-for-profit, faith-based healthcare system in Nebraska and southwestern Iowa with nine acute care hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Alegent Health offers a continuum of care from women's and children's services, primary care, wellness counseling, and senior care to cardiovascular services, orthopedics, oncology, physical rehabilitation, and behavioral health; and

WHEREAS, Alegent Health has worked for three years to revolutionize health care by opening and transparently reporting quality scores and costs to consumers; and

WHEREAS, the Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement analyzed the quality scores from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the patient satisfaction scores and arrived at a ranking of the top one hundred twenty-one hospitals in the country; and

WHEREAS, Alegent Health was ranked number one in the nation in this analysis and as a top performer in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' pay-for-performance project bringing positive national attention to Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the nine thousand employees of Alegent Health deserve special recognition for their exceptional teamwork and

knowledge which contributed to these outstanding rankings; and

WHEREAS, Alegent Health provided over twenty-six million dollars in charity care in Fiscal Year 2008 to the citizens of Nebraska and the communities in which they serve; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of Nebraska-based businesses should be recognized by the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature recognizes and congratulates the staff of Alegent Health.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Wayne Sensor, Chief Executive Office of Alegent Health, and the staff of Alegent Health in Omaha, Nebraska.