

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 323

Introduced by Gloor, 35; Carlson, 38; Christensen, 44; Dubas, 34; Fischer, 43; Hadley, 37; Sullivan, 41; Utter, 33; Wightman, 36.

WHEREAS, the staff of the Grand Island Veterans' Home, including administrator Alex Willford, are to be congratulated on the improvements made in service, member care, and business operations; and

WHEREAS, a January of 2010 survey administered by the Department of Health and Human Services showed high marks in all patient care categories and that the home was free of deficiencies in medical services, social work, dietary services, activities, laundry services, administration, rehabilitative services, and housekeeping; and

WHEREAS, the home experienced a reduction in members experiencing pressure ulcers. The occurrence of these ulcers dropped to an all-time low of three percent from the 2009 high of eleven percent; and

WHEREAS, the home experienced an improvement in quality measures, including weight loss, pain management, behavioral and emotional patterns, appropriate use of medications, physical functioning, range of motion, and a reduction in the prevalence of falls; and

WHEREAS, the home saw a reduction in mandatory overtime

from a high of one thousand six hundred hours in a two-week time period during 2008 to the current low of three hundred sixty total facility overtime hours in a two-week time period; and

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in retention of employees to seventy-three and one-half percent from the previous year's percentage of fifty-two percent; and

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in training opportunities through collaboration with Central Community College, the Nebraska Health Care Association, and the University of Nebraska at Kearney to provide clinical training on site; and

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in donations from the community by seventeen percent through engagement with the community and local and state organizations.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates administrator Alex Willford and the staff of the Grand Island Veterans' Home for their exemplary work.

2. That the Legislature thanks the residents of the Grand Island Veterans' Home for their years of service to our country and their support of the home's staff.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Grand Island Veterans' Home.