**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND AND RECOGNIZE PALMETTO HEALTH TUOMEY HOSPITAL AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2017 “I SEE YOU CARE” AWARD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives find it altogether fitting and proper to pause in their deliberations to congratulate Palmetto Health Tuomey Hospital’s Intensive Care Unit (ICU) for providing quality care to its patients, and thereby, earning the 2017 “I SEE YOU CARE” Award; and

Whereas, the “I SEE YOU CARE” Award by Advanced ICU (AICU) recognizes outstanding collaboration between hospital staff and AICU’s remote critical care team; and

Whereas, through the partnership, Palmetto Health Tuomey has been able to decrease the length of stay for patients in the ICU, shorten the amount of time a patient stays on a ventilator, and improve overall patient outcomes; and

Whereas, established in 2016, the “I SEE YOU CARE” Award honors AICU’s partners for their efforts in caring for patients, collaborating across geography, and leveraging telehealth technology to make a profound difference within their hospital. Recognition is given in four categories: hospital, administrator, physician, and nurse. Palmetto Health Tuomey has been in partnership with AICU Care since 2012; and

Whereas, Charlene Brogden, director of nursing for the hospital’s ICU has said that working hand in hand with AICU Care’s critical care teams have enabled them to better care for their most acute, critically ill patients. Knowing their patients have constant, round‑the‑clock care available to them allows the in‑hospital team to perform at its best and, ultimately, improves overall patient care; and

Whereas, AICU utilizes a network of high‑definition cameras, electronic patient monitoring systems, and immediate digital access to diagnostic test results along with the patient’s medical record. This allows very sick patients to stay close to home, which typically means family is more easily able to be present. Anecdotal evidence shows that patients with attentive families tend to get better faster; and

Whereas, early on, a physician with AICU came to lead an in‑service training program with the respiratory therapists, nurses, and doctors about the physiology and research that had been done to support a change in practice that AICU wanted Tuomey to adopt. The change was accepted and a reduction in the number of days on a ventilator has been seen, in addition to overall better outcomes for ventilated patients; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives commend Palmetto Health Tuomey for recognizing that improvements could be made and implementing them as such. Furthermore, the members applaud the nurses, doctors, therapists, and staff for producing such exemplary results and bringing this prestigious award to their community. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend and recognize Palmetto Health Tuomey Hospital as the recipient of the 2017 “I SEE YOU CARE” award.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Palmetto Health Tuomey Hospital.

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