

Rep. Donigan offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 298.

A resolution congratulating William Beaumont Hospital on being named one of America's 50 Best Hospitals.

Whereas, It is an honor and a privilege to congratulate and recognize William Beaumont Hospital of Royal Oak for ranking one of the America's 50 Best Hospitals in the nation; and

Whereas, HealthGrades, the nation's leading independent healthcare ratings organization, identified America's 50 Best Hospitals, an elite class of top-performing facilities. The HealthGrades America's 50 Best Hospital designation represents the healthcare industry's only quality ranking, based solely on objective clinical outcomes, among U.S. hospitals; and

Whereas, To identify the 2008 designees, HealthGrades researchers analyzed approximately 100 million hospitalization records from nearly 5,000 hospitals, from the years 1999 to 2006. To be listed among America's 50 Best Hospitals, facilities must have demonstrated clinical outcomes among the top five percent in the nation, not just in one medical specialty, but aggregated across 27 different procedures and diagnoses, and must have maintained this superior level of care during all years studied. These hospitals were found to have an average of 27 percent lower mortality rate than all other U.S. hospitals; and

Whereas, "HealthGrades America's 50 Best Hospitals demonstrate survival rates that are among the highest in the nation, and complication rates that are among the lowest in the nation, and they do it year after year," said Dr. Samantha Collier, HealthGrades' chief medical officer and lead study author. "These hospitals are proof that top-notch medical care is something that can be achieved with dedication and commitment to quality. As our nation increasingly focuses on disparities in healthcare cost and quality, it is these elite, world-class facilities that will lead the way."; now, therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representative, That the members of this legislative body congratulate and recognize William Beaumont Hospital of Royal Oak for being named one of America's 50 Best Hospitals in the nation.