

Senator Casperson offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 197.

A resolution to recognize Dickinson County Healthcare System for its dedicated efforts to improve the quality of health care and patient safety.

Whereas, Dickinson County Healthcare System (DCHS), located in Iron Mountain, is a nonprofit Community Hospital that provides healthcare to the Central Upper Peninsula Region of Michigan; and

Whereas, In 2016, DCHS has been recognized for four prestigious awards that are a testament to the top quality health care provided by this facility; and

Whereas, *Becker's Hospital Review* ranks DCHS in the top 100 Great Community Hospitals in the nation. A comparison group of all hospitals nationwide with 550 beds or less, not including teaching hospitals or critical access hospitals; and

Whereas, *iVantage Analytics* ranks DCHS in the top 100 Rural and Community Hospitals, and scored in the top 100 of Rural and Community Hospitals on iVantage's Hospital Strength Index, which is the industry's most comprehensive rating of rural and critical access hospitals; and

Whereas, DCHS again earned a *Leapfrog Hospital Safety Score* of "A" for the spring of 2016, and is one of only 26 hospitals in the state of Michigan to receive an "A" rating for this spring reporting period and as a result DCHS has now earned an "A" rating from the Leapfrog Group for 8 consecutive six-month reporting periods over the past 4 years; and

Whereas, *Healthgrades* awarded DCHS a 2016 Patient Safety Excellence Award for the second consecutive year, and named DCHS among the top 5 percent in the nation for patient safety for 2016; and

Whereas, DCHS is a valuable asset to the Central Upper Peninsula and is an excellent representative for the entire state of Michigan healthcare system; now, therefore be it,

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby recognize and commend DCHS for its efforts to create a superior standard of healthcare for the protection of its patients and community, to provide piece of mind to a region that it is an entity that is committed to exceeding the established standards of patient safety and will continue to strive for excellence within its market; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Dickinson County Board of Commissioners, Iron Mountain Daily News, WJMN-TV, and WLUC-TV as evidence of our esteem.