February 12, 2020 – Introduced by Senators FITZGERALD and SHILLING, cosponsored by Representatives VOS and HINTZ. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: congratulating the Wisconsin Hospital Association on its 100th Anniversary and declaring March 18, 2020, Wisconsin Hospital Day.

Whereas, the Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA) was formed on September 16, 1920, at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee “to promote the welfare of the people of the state” and be “of real value as a service organization to its members”; and

Whereas, within six months of formation, advocacy was an immediate priority of WHA, with the organization taking positions on bills up for debate in that session of the Wisconsin State Legislature; and

Whereas, today WHA is the unifying voice for Wisconsin hospitals and health systems, whose mission to advocate for the ability of its members to lead in the provision of high-quality, affordable, and accessible health care services has resulted in healthier Wisconsin communities; and

Whereas, WHA's bipartisan work with the state legislature has allowed Wisconsin to take important steps to address this mission, including the passage and
enactment of key legislation to enhance quality, build the health care workforce, improve access to care, and support the health of the state's population; and

Whereas, the needs of Wisconsin's health care system, our citizens, and our employers have evolved greatly over the last 100 years, requiring close partnership between the Wisconsin Hospital Association, its members, and Wisconsin lawmakers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That WHA's issue expertise and partnership with both sides of the aisle have helped advance sound health care policy that expands access to high-quality care in Wisconsin; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Wisconsin State Legislature recognizes the contributions made by over 100,000 people working in Wisconsin hospitals, the thousands of hospital advocates who have worked with their elected officials over the past 100 years, and the work of the Wisconsin Hospital Association to improve access, affordability, and quality in Wisconsin health care; and, be it finally

Resolved, That the Wisconsin State Legislature congratulates the Wisconsin Hospital Association on its 100th Anniversary and proclaims March 18, 2020, as Wisconsin Hospital Day.

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