

A RESOLUTION honoring the award recipients of the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities.

WHEREAS, in November 2014, one facility and six individuals were honored at the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities annual meeting; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body pauses today to commend these award-winners and to congratulate them upon their well-deserved accolades;

WHEREAS, the Williamsburg Health and Rehab Center received a Public Relations-Community Involvement Award for its Pink Glove Campaign to raise awareness for breast cancer. The Williamsburg Health and Rehabilitation Center opened in 1978 and currently employs 135 people. As part of its Pink Glove Campaign, the center uses the resources available at the local university to produce a music video with residents, staff, and cancer survivors; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Keith of the Williamsburg Health and Rehabilitation Center was a Nursing Care Finalist. She is an RN Unit Supervisor and has embraced innovative ways to improve residents' health by working with staff, physicians, and families on the importance of reducing rehospitalizations. The result of this initiative has been a drop in rehospitalizations from 20 percent to just over 4 percent; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Rogers of the Williamsburg Health and Rehabilitation Center won the Overall Caregiver Award for her humane treatment of residents. She often volunteers on her days off to take residents shopping, and she teaches and demonstrates by example the best approaches to resident care; and

WHEREAS, Tonya Williams of the Corbin Health and Rehabilitation Center was a Supportive Care Finalist. An employee in Accounts Receivable and Admissions, she has worked for the center for 18 years and provides a sense of comfort for families and residents as they make the life-changing move into the center; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Broughton of the Heritage Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility was a Nursing Care Finalist. She began as a nurse's aide 15 years ago, and has worked her

way up to become a restorative coordinator/nurse's aide trainer and the assistant to the Director of Nursing. She uses her experience as a nurse's aide to train new hires and assesses the needs of residents, placing them in programs and activities that will help them remain independent; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Hughes of the Heritage Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility is a Supportive Care Finalist. She is the facility's Activity Director, and she helps residents and their families by providing various activity programs such as gardening and cooking classes; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Willis of the Heritage Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility received the Nelda Barton Collings Award. Her career in long-term care spans 40 years, and over that time she has remained active in the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities community, serving on various committees and as District Director. She volunteers in many organizations, civic groups, and nonprofit agencies, and is a tireless advocate of her residents and the choices they make about their own care and dependence; and

WHEREAS, this body hereby honors these six individuals and one facility on this day and acknowledges the hard work and selfless sacrifice each has done to make the lives of this Commonwealth's most vulnerable citizens better and more fulfilling;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives honors the Williamsburg Health and Rehab Center, Rebecca Keith, Ruth Rogers, Cathy Willis, Jessica Broughton, Melissa Hughes, and Tonya Williams upon their Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities awards.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Representative Regina Bunch for delivery.