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Congratulating John R. Kopicki, the Fannie E. Rippel Foundation, and the Schering-Plough Corporation, for receipt of certain awards.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FERGUSON submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Congratulating John R. Kopicki, the Fannie E. Rippel Foundation, and the Schering-Plough Corporation, for receipt of certain awards.

Whereas the William Augustus Muhlenberg Award was created in 1980 to honor individuals exemplifying the highest standards of excellence and service to the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center;

Whereas John R. Kopicki, Senior Vice President of Solaris Health System, has been a guiding force at Muhlenberg throughout the last 35 years and is the recipient of this year's William Augustus Muhlenberg Award;

Whereas Mr. Kopicki has helped guide the hospital through unprecedented growth with passion and commitment that has led to countless accomplishments for Muhlenberg, including ongoing facility improvements, such as the con-

struction of the Thomas S.P. Fitch, M.D. Memorial Pavilion, the Cardiac Catheterization Lab, the Breast Health and Mammography Center, and the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute, and numerous initiatives designed to invigorate the medical center's dedication to patient-centered care and service;

Whereas Mr. Kopicki began his career as an administrative resident and helped guide the hospital through unprecedented growth for nearly 2 decades before assuming his current role with Solaris;

Whereas Mr. Kopicki, a visionary in the health care industry, helped create the region's premier health system, Solaris;

Whereas Mr. Kopicki has been a great philanthropist, President of the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Hemophilia Association, Senior Vice President of the National Hemophilia Association, Chairman of VHA of New Jersey, and a trustee of the North Jersey Blood Bank;

Whereas the Lowell F. Johnson Philanthropic Award was created in 1983 to honor individuals and corporations that demonstrate extraordinary generosity to the Muhlenberg Hospital;

Whereas the Fannie E. Rippel Foundation and the Schering-Plough Corporation have been champions of philanthropy and are the recipients of this year's Lowell F. Johnson Philanthropic Award;

Whereas the Fannie E. Rippel Foundation, founded in 1953, has been among Muhlenberg's most charitable benefactors;

Whereas the Foundation honors the legacies of Mr. and Mrs. Julius S. Rippel, long-time residents of Newark, New Jersey, by fulfilling their mission and supporting research

in geriatrics, cancer, heart disease, women's health, preventive care, and holistic medicine;

Whereas Mr. and Mrs. Rippel's contributions to the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center have enabled Muhlenberg to remain at the forefront of medical science and technology, and have recently revolutionized breast cancer diagnosis and treatment planning;

Whereas the Schering-Plough Corporation, founded in 1955 and headquartered in Kenilworth, New Jersey, has contributed profoundly to global health care and the advancement of medical science;

Whereas for more than 20 years the Schering-Plough Foundation has provided philanthropic leadership for Muhlenberg, its longstanding chaplainry services, and the Diabetes Center of New Jersey, and has cared for cancer patients and their families; and

Whereas the William Augustus Muhlenberg Award and the Lowell F. Johnson Philanthropic Award are positive recognition of the tireless efforts and dedication to the community that promote such principles as vision, loyalty, compassion, and sense of duty, which are an inspiration to everyone: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring), That the Congress congratulates—*
- 3 (1) John R. Kopicki, Senior Vice President of
- 4 Solaris Health System, as this year's recipient of the
- 5 Muhlenberg Foundation's William Augustus Muhlen-
- 6 berg Award; and

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