Senate Resolution No. 1719

BY: Senator WEBB

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of Guthrie Lourdes Hospital

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality of life in the communities across this great State of New York is enriched by the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations of distinction whose singular purpose is the care and welfare of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Guthrie Lourdes Hospital, celebrated in November 2025; and

WHEREAS, In 1925, at the request of Bishop Daniel Curley, four sisters from the Daughters of Charity (Martina Disney, Gertrude Eisele, Rose Anna Hastings, and Louise McParland) arrived in Binghamton, New York with a mission to provide compassionate care; and

WHEREAS, The hospital originally opened as the 25-bed Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital inside the Corbett Mansion on Riverside Drive in Binghamton, NY; and

WHEREAS, In 1938, a replica of the famous Grotto at Lourdes, France, was built on the hospital grounds to provide a place of peace for patients and families; while the original was moved during expansions, a version remains a landmark on the property today; and

WHEREAS, In 1983, Lourdes Hospital was selected by the federal government for a national cancer research project, establishing its reputation in oncology; and

WHEREAS, Lourdes Hospital joined Ascension Health in 1999, becoming part of the largest Catholic health system in the country; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, the hospital survived a devastating flood that caused over $20 million in damage, leading to significant renovations; and

WHEREAS, On February 1, 2024, Lourdes Hospital transitioned from Ascension Health to The Guthrie Clinic, a non-profit system based in Sayre, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Over its long history, Guthrie Lourdes Hospital has grown from a small neighborhood hospital into a 197-bed acute care facility; it has developed a network of primary care offices, a Regional Cancer Center, and unique services like mobile mammography and dental vans to reach rural areas; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body recognizes the vital importance of

Guthrie Lourdes Hospital in providing excellence in care through prevention, education and treatment, and its evident commitment to this mission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Guthrie Lourdes Hospital, recognizing and commending the hospital's unwavering dedication to providing essential healthcare services to Binghamton and beyond, and acknowledging the invaluable contributions of its healthcare professionals, staff, and leadership in making Guthrie Lourdes Hospital a trusted and vital institution within the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Guthrie Lourdes Hospital.