HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2001-4608, by Representatives Woods, Kessler, Campbell, Pennington, Ahern, Marine, Mielke, Mulliken, Ballasiotes, Skinner, Hankins, Morell, Alexander, Lambert, B. Chandler, Delvin, Talcott and Sump

WHEREAS, All citizens should be made aware of the safe, proper, effective, and efficient use of medications; and

WHEREAS, Nearly half of the medicines prescribed in this country are used incorrectly, contributing to prolonged illness, avoidable side effects and interactions, and unnecessary hospitalizations that could be prevented; and

WHEREAS, The efforts of our educational, state, and voluntary pharmacy organizations are instrumental in educating the public about safe and proper medication use; and

WHEREAS, Pharmacists are devoted to improving patient health care outcomes. Pharmacists work toward this goal in collaboration with other health care providers in the community including hospitals, managed care facilities, nursing homes, home health care facilities, and research and industry sites; and

WHEREAS, Over the past ten years, national polls have continuously ranked pharmacists as the most highly respected professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the high quality, cost-effective health care provided by pharmacists.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4608 adopted by the House of Representatives February 1, 2001.