

knitting group are a shining example of how each and every American can make a difference while having fun in the process.

Mr. Speaker, by identifying their unique strengths and passions and then using those strengths and passions to contribute to their community in a substantive, meaningful way, these ladies have created a win-win situation for everyone involved. Ms. Roselle has been awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Palm Beach County Health Department for her selfless efforts, and it is my great honor to underscore the merits of her work. I offer my heartfelt thanks and admiration for her creative and proactive willingness to give back, and I urge every American to follow in her footsteps by using their own unique gifts to give back to society and make the world a better place for all of us.

HONORING SISTER MARY
NORBERTA

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister Mary Norberta, who will retire this year after 29 years of leadership at St. Joseph Healthcare in Bangor. Since 1982, Sister Norberta has guided St. Joseph Hospital and St. Joseph Healthcare as a dynamic President and Chief Executive Officer.

As President and C.E.O. of St. Joseph Hospital, Sister Norberta has been instrumental in transforming a once small community hospital into the largest facility in the state of Maine. Not only has she introduced modern ideas to the hospital such as digital mammography, laparoscopic surgery, lithotripter service and the allowance of fathers in the delivery room, but she has also expanded primary care services in rural areas, helped to organize small community hospitals in Maine and completed thousands of hours of community service.

Sister Norberta is the recent recipient of the Woman of the Year Award for the state of

Maine, bestowed upon her by the Business and Professional Women's organization. The Woman of the Year Award is given to a woman who exemplifies a character of drive, innovation and compassion in the workforce. Sister Norberta more than meets these standards.

Earlier this year, she was also recognized with the lifetime achievement award from the Honor Society of Nursing due to her longtime work in nursing leadership and education at the local, state, and federal levels. In tribute to Sister Norberta's upcoming retirement, the chapter has established an annual scholarship in her name.

After a career devoted to strengthening health care institutions, providing the highest level quality of care for patients and supporting the most vulnerable in the state of Maine, Sister Norberta is, without doubt, deserving of her recent awards and honors. Upon her retirement from St. Joseph's, she will truly be missed for her leadership skills and kindness.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking Sister Mary Norberta for her tremendous contributions and service to her community and to the people of Maine.