



Health Department News



News from the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department and Putnam County Health Department

West Virginia Senate honors Gupta for 'leading the charge' on health care issues

The Senate hereby honors **Dr. Rahul Gupta** for his **commitment to excellence** in providing all aspects of health care to the citizens of Kanawha and Putnam counties and for his many contributions to health care in the State of West Virginia



Members of the West Virginia Senate took time on the final day of the legislative session to honor Dr. Rahul Gupta for "leading the charge" on health care issues.

In a somewhat unprecedented move, Dr. Rahul Gupta, executive director and health officer for the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department and the Putnam County Health Department, was honored by the West Virginia Senate on March 8 for his work in promoting health care in Kanawha and Putnam counties and specifically for his work during the Freedom Industries Chemical spill. The resolution honoring Dr. Gupta passed unanimously on March 8, the final day of the 2014 regular session

Following is the text of the resolution, which was Senate Resolution 54.

"Honoring Dr. Rahul Gupta for his commitment to excellence in providing all aspects of health care to the citizens of Kanawha and Putnam counties and for his many health care contributions to the State of West Virginia.

"Whereas, Dr. Rahul Gupta is the health officer and executive director at Kanawha-Charleston Health Department [and the Putnam

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County Health Department] and leads the largest local health department in the State of West Virginia; and

“Whereas, Dr. Rahul Gupta earned a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Delhi and completed his internship and residency training at St. Joseph Hospital/Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois. Additionally, he has a Master’s in Public Health (MPH) in Healthcare Organization and Health Policy from the University of Alabama-Birmingham and is a recipient of a fellowship from the American College of Physicians and is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine; and

“Whereas, Dr. Rahul Gupta is an adjunct clinical assistant professor of medicine at the West Virginia University School of Medicine and adjunct associate professor at University of Charleston’s School of Pharmacy. He also serves as a medical consulting and a teaching staff member at Charleston Area Medical Center and is a volunteer

“Whereas, The Senate acknowledges and is extremely grateful for the healthcare service excellence of Dr. Rahul Gupta, who has demonstrated a commitment to public service that is unmatched by most; therefore, be it

“Resolved by the Senate:

“That the Senate hereby honors Dr. Rahul Gupta for his commitment to excellence in providing all aspects of health care to the citizens of Kanawha and Putnam counties and for his many contributions to healthcare in the State of West Virginia; and, be it

“Further Resolved, that the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Dr. Rahul Gupta.”

The resolution was signed by Senate President Jeffrey Kessler and attested by Senate Clerk Joseph Minard.’

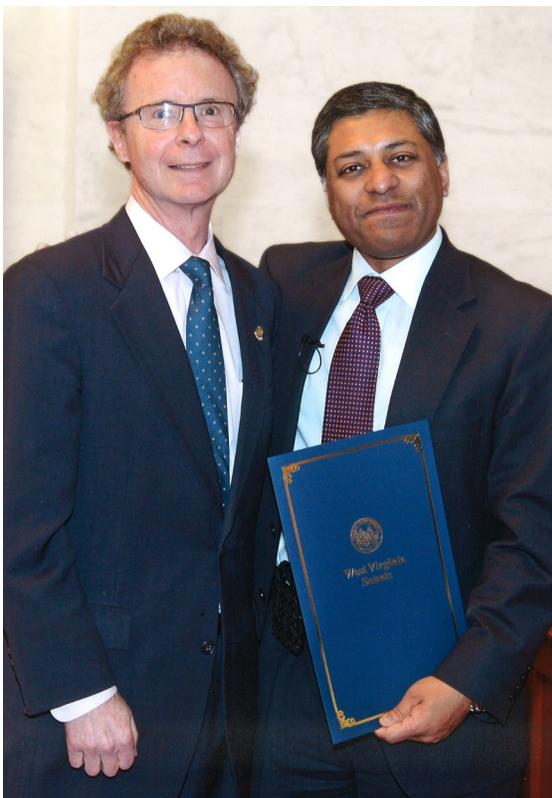
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physician at the West Virginia Health Right Clinic in Charleston; and

“Whereas, Dr. Rahul Gupta has worked with various health care organizations to develop, integrate and measure adherence to various public health initiatives including those for the underserved and indigent population. Such initiatives are wide ranging from immunization initiatives to reducing heart disease, stroke and pneumonia-related morbidity and mortality. He is also instrumental in working with state partners to spearhead the various quality assurance initiatives in public health in West Virginia; and

“Whereas, Here in the Kanawha Valley, Dr. Rahul Gupta is leading the charge to make sure that the citizens of Kanawha and Putnam counties have access to clinical services, live in a clean environment and are educated on health prevention and wellness; and

“Whereas, Since the Jan. 9, 2014, chemical spill in the Elk River that contaminated the drinking water of 300,000 citizens, Dr. Rahul Gupta has worked tirelessly alongside local, state and federal officials to ensure that a tragedy of this proportion never happens again; and



Sen. Brooks McCabe, D-Kanawha, left, poses with Dr. Gupta following the presentation in the West Virginia Senate honoring Dr. Gupta. Sen. McCabe, who is retiring, has worked closely with the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department during his tenure in

the West Virginia Senate to promote the health and well-being of the citizens of West Virginia.