

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 206

WHEREAS, Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2025; and

WHEREAS, The roots of Methodist Healthcare Ministries trace back to 1955, when the Southwest Conference of The United Methodist Church approved the formation of a nonprofit to own and operate hospitals in the name of the church; opening in 1963, the Southwest Methodist Hospital sought to promote and deliver accessible, quality health care to the underserved, and Methodist Healthcare Ministries has continued to advance this mission since its establishment in 1995; today, the Methodist Healthcare System serves as the largest health care provider in San Antonio and 26 surrounding counties and oversees operations at numerous specialized area hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Methodist Healthcare Ministries offers primary medical and dental care as well as counseling, case management, social services, family wellness, and church-based community nursing programs to patients across 74 counties; the nonprofit organization also oversees grant-making and policy initiatives, and it has worked with more than 150 funding partners to ensure affordable services to all; together, they have invested over \$82 million in community grants, strategic initiatives, and policy and advocacy partnerships in an effort to increase access to care and to improve food security, digital inclusion, and economic mobility; one impressive example is the collaboration between Methodist Healthcare Ministries and the San Antonio Metro Health Department to launch the Healthy Corner Store initiative, which provides fresh and affordable produce to communities in food deserts; in addition, the nonprofit established the Medical-Legal Partnership to address the health-related legal needs of patients; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of its exemplary business practices, Methodist Healthcare Ministries received a 2024 Governor's Texas Award for Performance Excellence from the Quality Texas Foundation Regional Program, and it was one of only two organizations that earned this accolade that year; with this honor, it was commended for its leadership, strategic planning, measurement, analysis and knowledge management, results, and focus on its customers, workforce and operations; and

WHEREAS, Methodist Healthcare Ministries has provided expert and compassionate care to countless men, women, and children in San Antonio and beyond, and the members of its medical, support, and administrative staff may indeed take great pride in its outstanding record of service over the past three decades; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby commemorate the 30th anniversary of Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas and extend to all

those associated with the organization sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Menéndez

Campbell	Gutierrez	Kolkhorst
Eckhardt	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	Schwertner
Flores	Hinojosa of Nueces	Zaffirini

Patrick, President of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 6, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate