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#### R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

14 WHEREAS, Methodist Healthcare Ministries offers primary  
15 medical and dental care as well as counseling, case management,  
16 social services, family wellness, and church-based community  
17 nursing programs to patients across 74 counties; the nonprofit  
18 organization also oversees grant-making and policy initiatives,  
19 and it has worked with more than 150 funding partners to ensure  
20 affordable services to all; together, they have invested over  
21 \$82 million in community grants, strategic initiatives, and policy  
22 and advocacy partnerships in an effort to increase access to care  
23 and to improve food security, digital inclusion, and economic  
24 mobility; one impressive example is the collaboration between

1 Methodist Healthcare Ministries and the San Antonio Metro Health  
2 Department to launch the Healthy Corner Store initiative, which  
3 provides fresh and affordable produce to communities in food  
4 deserts; in addition, the nonprofit established the Medical-Legal  
5 Partnership to address the health-related legal needs of patients;  
6 and

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

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

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature  
21 hereby commemorate the 30th anniversary of Methodist Healthcare  
22 Ministries of South Texas and extend to all those associated with  
23 the organization sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it  
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
26 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the  
27 Texas Senate.