

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For nearly 30 years, Starr County Memorial Hospital
2 in Rio Grande City has provided exceptional health care to South
3 Texas residents; and

4 WHEREAS, This outstanding public hospital, which opened in
5 1975, came into being through the hard work and efforts of community
6 leaders like Dr. Mario Ramirez and others, who saw the need for a
7 major hospital for the community; Dr. Ramirez, who had established
8 a small hospital in Roma after World War II, worked successfully
9 with county leaders for the creation of a hospital district while
10 serving as county judge from 1969 to 1978; after Starr County
11 Memorial was built, Dr. Ramirez practiced there himself until 1993;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Today, under the able leadership of administrator
14 Thalia Munoz, a dedicated staff offers an array of surgical,
15 medical, obstetric, and pediatric services, which have been
16 enhanced following extensive expansion of the hospital's physical
17 plant; and

18 WHEREAS, With nearly 1,500 babies born at the hospital since
19 October 2001, the construction of a new 10,000-square-foot
20 obstetrical wing, featuring labor, delivery, recovery, and
21 postpartum rooms and a spacious nursery, has brought a welcome
22 addition; other hospital services include a new gastroenterology
23 lab, a new cardiopulmonary lab with a Holter monitor, equipment to
24 perform adult and pediatric echocardiograms and to measure stress

1 and pulmonary function, and a forthcoming hyperbaric and wound
2 center; and

3 WHEREAS, A level 4 trauma center, Starr County Memorial
4 Hospital's emergency department works in conjunction with its
5 ambulance service and four substations throughout the county to
6 provide urgently required medical care; moreover, the hospital will
7 soon be opening its third rural clinic in order to better meet the
8 health care needs of area families; and

9 WHEREAS, Since 1975, Starr County Memorial Hospital has
10 remained dedicated to promoting an improved quality of life for
11 individuals in this section of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, and it
12 is a pleasure to recognize the exemplary service provided by its
13 administrators and staff; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
15 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby heartily commend all those
16 affiliated with Starr County Memorial Hospital for their commitment
17 to providing superior medical care to the people of Starr County;
18 and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Starr County Memorial Hospital as an expression of
21 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Guillen

H.R. No. 29

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 29 was adopted by the House on
September 16, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House