

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize The Blood Center at Round Rock on the occasion of its grand opening in May of 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, The Blood Center at Round Rock is the first satellite blood donation center to be opened by The Blood and Tissue Center of Central Texas since it was established as the Austin Blood Bank in 1951; and

**WHEREAS**, Blood donation helps save the lives of thousands of critically ill Texans each year and is vital to many cancer patients and people undergoing surgeries; the demand for blood products has increased over the years, and in 2004, 60,000 units of blood must be collected, tested, and processed to meet the needs of as many as 180,000 Central Texas patients; and

**WHEREAS**, The Blood Center at Round Rock will provide therapeutic blood products to 31 hospital and treatment facilities in 10 Central Texas counties; the center will have six donation beds and three interview booths to accommodate up to 50 donors a day; and

**WHEREAS**, Having a blood center located in the area is a great convenience for blood donors who live and work in Williamson County and a tremendous asset to the institutions that require blood products for transfusion; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commend The Blood and Tissue Center of Central Texas for establishing a satellite blood donation center in Round Rock and extend best wishes to the staff of The Blood Center of Round Rock; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 27, 2004.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate