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H.R. No. 21

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Harris Methodist H.E.B. Hospital in Bedford is
2 donating automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to all Northeast
3 Tarrant County high schools and to Tarrant County College
4 Northeast; and

5 WHEREAS, When an individual suffers cardiac arrest, early
6 defibrillation can be a lifesaver; AEDs are specially designed to
7 allow people with no medical training to deliver a shock to reset
8 the heart rhythm; because of their effectiveness and ease of use,
9 the devices have been installed in a number of offices and public
10 places; and

11 WHEREAS, In the United States, cardiovascular disease is the
12 third leading cause of death among children under the age of 15,
13 resulting in approximately 7,000 childhood fatalities each year;
14 students are especially at risk during the summer months, when
15 football practice begins; and

16 WHEREAS, Valued at some \$50,000 altogether, the 19 AEDs
17 distributed by Harris Methodist H.E.B. Hospital are compatible with
18 equipment used by local EMS services and hospital emergency rooms;
19 in addition to the defibrillators, the hospital is providing each
20 school with AED/CPR certification training for five people and
21 quarterly online refresher training; and

22 WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature has considered several bills
23 relating to AEDs, but cost concerns have prevented the bills'
24 passage, and Harris Methodist H.E.B. Hospital is to be commended

1 for addressing the need identified by those measures in the absence
2 of a state mandate; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby honor Harris Methodist
5 H.E.B. Hospital for donating automated external defibrillators to
6 all the high schools in Northeast Tarrant County and to Tarrant
7 County College Northeast and extend to the hospital deepest
8 appreciation for its continuing, committed philanthropy in behalf
9 of the community it serves; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Harris Methodist H.E.B. Hospital as an expression of
12 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.