

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 209

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the JPS Health Network as it celebrates 100 years of dedication to charity care in Tarrant County; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1906 the Fort Worth Medical College set aside 10 beds for the less fortunate; within eight years, the public City-County Hospital opened its doors; as Tarrant County grew, so did the hospital's role in caring for the increasing population; and

**WHEREAS**, By 1939, with a grant from the Public Works Administration, the hospital had expanded to a new 166-bed facility on land donated in 1877 by John Peter Smith, a pioneer civic leader and former Fort Worth mayor; the City-County Hospital was renamed John Peter Smith Hospital in 1954; and

**WHEREAS**, Voters approved the Tarrant County Hospital District in 1959, allowing county officials to collect property taxes as a dedicated source of revenue for the hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, The JPS Health Network is now a taxpayer-supported county hospital district with an annual budget of \$428 million; the network includes a teaching hospital, a new hospital in south Arlington, an AIDS clinic, and a women's center; and

**WHEREAS**, As the JPS Health Network embarks on its next century, it has begun an \$89.5 million hospital expansion project that includes a five-story tower that will add 108 beds and emergency and operating rooms; and

**WHEREAS**, The JPS Network has played an important role in the development of Tarrant County, and it is prepared to take on the challenges of its second 100 years; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate the JPS Health Network for its exemplary role in providing quality health care in Tarrant County and extend best wishes for continued success in the future; and, be it further

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

Nelson

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 12, 2006.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate