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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Children's Medical Center Dallas has earned the
2 distinction of being the only pediatric hospital in the State of
3 Texas and one of only 14 pediatric hospitals in the nation to have
4 received the designation of Level 1 Trauma Center-Pediatric by the
5 Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and
6 the Texas Department of State Health Services; and

7 WHEREAS, With 24-hour in-house coverage by trauma surgeons,
8 pediatric emergency medicine specialists, and anesthesiology and
9 operating room personnel, Level 1 Trauma centers are capable of
10 providing proficient comprehensive care for the most severely
11 injured patients; the ACS created national guidelines for the
12 purpose of optimizing trauma care in the United States,
13 establishing criteria for reviewing trauma centers and assigning
14 level ratings; the criteria for Level 1, which is the highest
15 designation a trauma center can receive, require an institution to
16 have a comprehensive injury prevention program, a trauma-specific
17 research program, and an effective outreach and education program;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Founded more than 90 years ago, Children's Medical
20 Center Dallas is the only health care facility in Dallas that deals
21 exclusively with a variety of diseases and disorders among children
22 from birth to age 18; in 2004 alone, Children's admitted nearly
23 1,400 trauma patients to the hospital and evaluated and treated
24 thousands more in its emergency department; services at the clinic

1 include general surgery, orthopedic surgery, pain management,
2 injury prevention, social work, occupational and physical therapy,
3 neuropsychology, psychiatry, and pastoral care; and

4 WHEREAS, The Trauma Injury Prevention Program at Children's
5 works with the Greater Dallas Injury Prevention Center and the
6 National Safe Kids Coalition, as well as its Dallas counterpart, to
7 educate the public about preventing injuries; the program maintains
8 a comprehensive trauma registry to pinpoint areas where
9 intervention is needed and provides periodic trauma education for
10 physicians, nurses, and other allied health professionals;
11 moreover, pediatric-specific trauma education is offered to health
12 care providers in the community and beyond through the center's
13 Trauma Outreach Programs; in addition, a number of important
14 research projects are currently underway, including an analysis of
15 young children in motor vehicle collisions and an examination of
16 outcomes in children with severe traumatic brain injury; and

17 WHEREAS, Children's has also developed a comprehensive
18 multidisciplinary trauma clinic that is one-of-a-kind in the
19 region; the clinic's goal is to meet all of the needs of patients
20 and their families in follow-up visits and to eliminate the need for
21 multiple appointments to the many specialists often involved in
22 caring for an injured child; and

23 WHEREAS, Making the institutional commitment to be a Level 1
24 Trauma Center demonstrates the dedication of Children's Medical
25 Center Dallas to provide the highest quality of medical care for our
26 children; the designation of the hospital as a Trauma Center Level 1
27 is not only a tribute to the hospital but also an enormous benefit

1 to the community that it serves; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th
3 Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Children's Medical Center
4 Dallas on its verification as a Level 1 Trauma Center-Pediatric by
5 the Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons and the
6 Texas Department of State Health Services; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the hospital as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.