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H.R. No. 2281

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force
2 Base has served generations of San Antonio military personnel and
3 civilian residents since it first opened in 1954 as the United
4 States Air Force medical training center; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Defense has
6 identified the Wilford Hall Medical Center for closure under the
7 Base Realignment and Closure Act; and

8 WHEREAS, The trauma center at Wilford Hall handles more than
9 10,000 acute trauma care cases annually, and its closure will
10 reduce trauma care services in its 22-county service region by a
11 third; in addition, any relocation of trauma care services will
12 cause a significant increase in transport time to alternative
13 life-saving care; and

14 WHEREAS, Thousands of military retirees in a large portion of
15 the communities surrounding Wilford Hall receive inpatient care at
16 the center, and more than 3,000 military and civilian medical staff
17 members hold positions that would be eliminated; and

18 WHEREAS, During times of peace as well as times of war, "Big
19 Willie" has provided high-quality medical care to untold millions
20 of citizens, and the citizens of San Antonio and countless military
21 personnel have come to depend on the medical services afforded by
22 this world-class teaching and trauma center; and

23 WHEREAS, The recommendation to close Wilford Hall Medical
24 Center can be reversed by the United States Senate and the president

1 of the United States; and

2 WHEREAS, A reversal of the recommendation by the Base
3 Realignment and Closure panel would be in keeping with the national
4 intent to honor and care for our military forces, both active and
5 retired, and their families by continuing the full missions of
6 Wilford Hall Medical Center; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature hereby state its unwavering determination that Wilford
9 Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio be
10 removed from the U.S. Department of Defense recommended base
11 closure list; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the president of the United States and the
13 United States Senate, as well as the U.S. Department of Defense, be
14 respectfully urged to reverse the recommendation to close Wilford
15 Hall Medical Center and that its full services of medical and trauma
16 care be maintained; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the chief clerk of the Texas House of
18 Representatives forward official copies of this resolution to the
19 president of the United States, to the president of the senate of
20 the United States Congress, and to the members of the Texas
21 delegation to the senate with the request that this resolution be
22 officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the
23 Senate of the United States of America.