

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Catholic health care in Texas on the occasion of its 62nd Annual Conference and Advocacy Day, which is taking place January 25, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Catholic health care, which is based upon the fundamental belief that human life is sacred and that each person has inherent dignity, is committed to caring for the body, mind, and spirit of all patients; and

WHEREAS, The first Catholic hospital in Texas was founded 136 years ago in Galveston by a religious community of nuns; since that time, Catholic health care in Texas has grown enormously, and nuns have continued to play a vital role in its progress; and

WHEREAS, Today Catholic health care encompasses 10 health systems, 38 acute care hospitals, 95 clinics and outpatient centers, and other critical health services; and

WHEREAS, Each year, Catholic health care provides high-quality and affordable health care to many Texans in both urban centers and rural areas and reaches out to many who would otherwise not receive health care; and

WHEREAS, During the 62nd Annual Conference and Advocacy Day, leaders from all 10 Catholic health care systems are gathering in Austin to celebrate their commitment to a health ministry based on the compassion, faith, and skills of a dedicated team of health care providers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend Catholic health care for its unwavering dedication to preventive and direct health care and welcome its leaders to Austin; 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 January 25, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate