

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1026

**WHEREAS**, The year 2005 marks the 50th anniversary of the Bexar County Hospital District, and this provides a fitting opportunity to recognize the leadership and voters of Bexar County who had the wisdom and foresight to create the district and those leaders, staff, and employees who have developed an award-winning public health-care institution; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1955, George L. Bishop, Carl A. Herbel, E. J. Tiner, and other qualified voters of Bexar County asked that the Commissioners Court order an election to be held throughout the county for the purpose of enabling voters to determine whether or not a hospital district should be created in the county to take over the San Antonio-Bexar County Hospital System; and

**WHEREAS**, On June 28, 1955, a constitutional amendment election was held in Bexar County; and

**WHEREAS**, On June 29, 1955, the Commissioners Court of Bexar County convened in special session at a special term with the following members present: Charles W. Anderson, County Judge; Dan F. Traugott, Commissioner Precinct 1; Sam C. Bennett, Commissioner Precinct 2; R. L. Reeder, Commissioner Precinct 3; and A. J. Ploch, Commissioner Precinct 4; and

**WHEREAS**, The Commissioners Court found, declared, ordered, adjudged and decreed that the election was duly and legally called and that the proposition to create a hospital district in Bexar County was adopted by over 72 percent of the votes cast; and

**WHEREAS**, The hospital district so created was the Bexar County Hospital District, now called University Health System; and

**WHEREAS**, The University Health System has been affiliated with The University of Texas System since 1968 by providing teaching facilities and financial support for many of the system's health-care programs, including graduate medical education, at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio; and

**WHEREAS**, This partnership has created a health system medical-dental staff of over 1,000 faculty physicians, dentists, and other medical professionals whose care improves the health and well-being of residents of Bexar County and South Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, University Health System has earned a host of accolades for its outstanding service to the community, such as its Level One trauma hospital, its exceptional transplant program, and its innovative CareLink medical assistance program; and

**WHEREAS**, University Health System has been listed in *U.S. News and World Report's* Best Hospitals Top 50 every year since 2000, and it has earned the Solucient 100 Top Hospitals Award in 1998, 2004, and 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, The State of Texas is proud to recognize the University Health System as an exceptional health-care system and to pay tribute to the system for providing thousands of residents of the Lone Star State with first-rate primary and tertiary health care during its first five decades of existence; and

**WHEREAS**, The Bexar County Commissioners Court, the University Health System Board of Managers and its leadership, staff and employees truly merit special recognition on the occasion of the University Health System's 50th anniversary milestone; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby honor the University Health System on its 50th anniversary and extend to all those associated with it and to the residents of Bexar County sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for University Health System as an expression of high regard 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 May 26, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate