

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 480

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo, which is now hosting grand opening festivities in honor of its new facility; and

WHEREAS, The Coffee Memorial Blood Center is a nonprofit, independent blood center serving 30 health care facilities in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles; and

WHEREAS, The center was chartered on December 23, 1949, as the Potter County Memorial Blood Center; its first permanent site was a facility built and furnished by the Golding-Meadows Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on West Eighth Avenue; and

WHEREAS, The blood center quickly outgrew its building and opened in a new facility on Highway 66 in June of 1960; the name of the blood center was changed in 1965 to reflect its expanding status and to honor the memory of a founding member's son, Dr. James Robert Coffee, who died of leukemia in 1949; a larger facility opened on Coulter Drive in 1985 and was expanded in 1994; and

WHEREAS, The Coffee Memorial Blood Center at 7500 Wallace Boulevard opened in January of this year; in keeping with its commitment to provide the safest possible blood products and transfusion services to the High Plains region, the center has improved its collection areas and has enlarged its laboratory space, its areas for mobile staging, and its training and conference rooms; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend the board of directors and staff of the Coffee Memorial Blood Center for their excellent services and extend to all best wishes for a memorable grand opening; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as a memento of this special occasion 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 March 15, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate