

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 901

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Doctors Hospital of Laredo on the grand occasion of its 35th anniversary, which is being celebrated during National Hospital Week, May 10 through May 16, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Doctors Hospital of Laredo opened in May of 1974 as the Laredo Health Center; it was a 68-bed hospital that was praised for its modern equipment and for creating more than 160 positions of employment; located on the outskirts of town, however, the hospital was small and isolated and was lacking the full support of the community; and

WHEREAS, The hospital soon became known for its service-oriented and personalized environment and began to thrive as it earned the high approval of doctors and patients; a business community then grew up around it; and

WHEREAS, The hospital added services and space, including an emergency room, an intensive care unit, and an outpatient clinic in the late 1970s; a Women's Wing was built in 1983, and a cancer center was established in 1987; the hospital was bought by Universal Health Services, Incorporated, in 1999; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, the hospital moved to its current location on McPherson Road; although it was once again located in a sparsely populated area, it had the firm support of the medical community and the City of Laredo, and new bus routes were created to improve accessibility to the hospital's 58-acre site; the Cancer Treatment Center was added in 2001, and The Women's Center, which includes the region's most advanced neonatal intensive care unit, was added in 2006; the hospital now employs more than 700 doctors and staff members and is a greatly appreciated asset to the City of Laredo; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Doctors Hospital of Laredo for its first-rate service to the community and extend congratulations to all associated with the institute on the occasion of its 35th anniversary; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of Doctors Hospital of Laredo.

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 13, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate