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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas, in  
2 recognition of American Heart Month, takes great pride in honoring  
3 Heart Hospital of Austin, a campus of St. David's Medical Center,  
4 for its outstanding leadership and numerous accomplishments in the  
5 fight against heart disease, our nation's number one killer; and

6           WHEREAS, Heart Hospital of Austin opened on December 7, 1998,  
7 as a shared vision of local cardiologists and cardiovascular  
8 surgeons seeking to provide exceptional cardiovascular care to the  
9 people of Central Texas, and since that time the hospital has  
10 treated more than 118,800 people from cities throughout Texas, all  
11 50 states, the District of Columbia, and many U.S. territories; and

12           WHEREAS, Nearly 2,300 Americans die of cardiovascular  
13 diseases each day, about one person every 38 seconds, with  
14 cardiovascular diseases claiming more lives each year than cancer,  
15 chronic lower respiratory diseases, and accidents combined; and

16           WHEREAS, Heart Hospital of Austin has raised the bar for  
17 cardiac care in Central Texas and the nation, being ranked as the  
18 number one cardiac program in Texas for six consecutive years, an  
19 accomplishment no other hospital has achieved, and being named by a  
20 July 2009 study funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
21 Services as the leading hospital in the United States for treatment  
22 of a heart attack; and

23           WHEREAS, Heart Hospital of Austin, part of the St. David's  
24 HealthCare System, also includes a chest pain center and is, like

1 all of St. David's HealthCare's hospitals, accredited as a  
2 Certified Chest Pain Center by the Society of Chest Pain Centers,  
3 the nation's premier organization focused on improving care for  
4 patients with acute coronary syndromes; this universal  
5 accreditation signifies a commitment to exceeding quality-of-care  
6 measures in acute cardiac medicine and recognizes the expertise of  
7 physicians, nurses, and other professionals, as well as the  
8 excellence of treatment protocols; and

9 WHEREAS, St. David's HealthCare is one of the largest health  
10 systems in the state, employing more than 7,100 persons in more than  
11 60 sites across Central Texas; it is also home to the Texas Cardiac  
12 Arrhythmia Institute at St. David's Medical Center, one of the  
13 world's most comprehensive treatment, training, and research  
14 centers dedicated to the latest advances for correcting atrial  
15 fibrillation and other heart rhythm disorders; and

16 WHEREAS, Embracing their mission to protect and promote the  
17 cardiac health of area Texans, Heart Hospital of Austin and St.  
18 David's HealthCare are vital assets to the Capitol City and the Lone  
19 Star State, and they are indeed worthy of special recognition for  
20 their achievements in promoting heart health; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas  
22 hereby commend Heart Hospital of Austin and St. David's HealthCare  
23 for providing exceptional cardiovascular care and honor affiliated  
24 physicians for their valiant efforts in the fight against heart  
25 disease; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
27 prepared for Heart Hospital of Austin as an expression of high

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1 regard and esteem by the Texas Legislature.