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H.C.R. No. 140

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center is  
2 marking its 70th anniversary in 2011, and this occasion provides an  
3 ideal opportunity to recognize the remarkable achievements of this  
4 noteworthy institution; and

5           WHEREAS, Over the past seven decades, MD Anderson has served  
6 more than 800,000 people, the majority of whom have been Texas  
7 residents, and patients in every corner of the world have benefited  
8 from medical discoveries at the center; public education and  
9 community outreach programs initiated by MD Anderson now reach more  
10 than 1.4 million Texans annually and address the needs of those at  
11 increased risk for cancer, particularly underserved and minority  
12 populations; and

13           WHEREAS, For many years, MD Anderson has received more grants  
14 from the National Cancer Institute and conducted more clinical  
15 trials to evaluate new treatments than any other institution; the  
16 center sets the standard in developing new therapies targeted to  
17 the cancer-related genes and proteins associated with each  
18 patient's disease; moreover, MD Anderson has expanded the continuum  
19 of care beyond diagnosis and treatment of cancer patients to  
20 encompass major programs in cancer prevention and to address the  
21 special needs of cancer survivors; and

22           WHEREAS, Rising to meet the health care challenges of the  
23 21st century, MD Anderson excels as a degree-granting institution;  
24 it awards baccalaureate degrees in eight allied health disciplines

1 and master's and doctoral degrees in biomedical research; more than  
2 85,000 physicians, scientists, nurses, and health care  
3 professionals have been trained at the center; and

4 WHEREAS, President John Mendelsohn, M.D., has guided MD  
5 Anderson for the past 15 years, building on the strong foundation  
6 built by his predecessors, Charles A. LeMaistre, M.D., and R. Lee  
7 Clark, M.D.; Dr. Mendelsohn provides inspired leadership to a staff  
8 of more than 17,000 dedicated professionals, along with  
9 approximately 1,200 hospital volunteers; their efforts are  
10 supported by the skillful direction of The University of Texas  
11 System Board of Regents, the work of citizen volunteers of The  
12 University Cancer Foundation Board of Visitors, and the generosity  
13 of thousands of donors; and

14 WHEREAS, Internationally recognized for its excellence, The  
15 University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center has been named the  
16 nation's number one cancer hospital by *US News & World Report*; the  
17 exceptional reputation of this institution is a reflection of its  
18 immeasurable contributions to the advancement of medical science  
19 and of the outstanding care that has made a positive difference in  
20 the lives of hundreds of thousands of patients and their families  
21 over the past seven decades; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas  
23 hereby commemorate the 70th anniversary of The University of Texas  
24 MD Anderson Cancer Center and extend to all those associated with  
25 the institution sincere best wishes for continued success in their  
26 vital endeavors; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center as an  
2 expression of high regard by the Texas Senate and House of  
3 Representatives.