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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, Rising to meet the health care challenges of the
24 21st century, M. D. Anderson excels as a degree-granting

1 institution; it awards baccalaureate degrees in eight allied health
2 disciplines and master's and doctoral degrees in biomedical
3 research; more than 85,000 physicians, scientists, nurses, and
4 health care professionals have been trained at the center; and

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

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

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

1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center as
3 an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate and House of
4 Representatives.