

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Over nearly half a century, Shriners Hospital for  
2 Children at Galveston has provided compassionate, innovative care  
3 to pediatric patients with burn injuries; and

4           WHEREAS, Founded in 1966 with funds allocated by the Shriners  
5 of North America, the hospital grew out of a pediatric burn unit  
6 initially housed on The University of Texas Medical Branch campus;  
7 with the ongoing support of the Shriners and UTMB, faculty and staff  
8 of the institute have continued to seek better outcomes for  
9 children by developing more advanced techniques, and because of the  
10 hospital's reputation for comprehensive pediatric burn care, it has  
11 received patients from around the world; and

12           WHEREAS, Located in the heart of Galveston, Shriners Hospital  
13 for Children served patients with cleft lip and palate disorders  
14 until 2008, when the facility was damaged by Hurricane Ike, and the  
15 decision was made to relocate that program to a sister institution,  
16 Shriners Orthopedic Hospital for Children in Houston; the  
17 Galveston-based hospital remains one of four Shriners Hospitals  
18 that specialize in burn care, and in 2012, it joined the Texas  
19 Medical Center as its 50th member institution; and

20           WHEREAS, Today, the hospital houses 30 beds, which are  
21 divided between an intensive care unit and a reconstruction and  
22 plastic surgery unit, and it also includes three operating rooms, a  
23 multi-bed recovery room, and various clinics; all children are  
24 welcomed at the center regardless of their family's ability to pay,

1 and every effort is made to ensure patients a safe, friendly, and  
2 comfortable environment as they recover; and

3 WHEREAS, Shriners Hospital for Children has excelled at its  
4 mission of bringing new hope to patients coping with some of the  
5 most difficult and complex childhood injuries, and through their  
6 commitment to clinical and research excellence, the center's  
7 medical staff have made countless success stories possible; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby honor Shriners Hospital for Children at  
11 Galveston and extend to all those associated with the hospital  
12 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for Shriners Hospital as an expression of high regard by  
15 the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1950

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1950 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House