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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.