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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the
2 founding of Robert B. Green Memorial Hospital in San Antonio; and

3 WHEREAS, Named in honor of the Bexar County judge and Texas
4 state senator who was a beloved champion of the working class, Green
5 Memorial first opened its doors on February 2, 1917, with the
6 mission of providing care to all who needed it, regardless of their
7 ability to pay; the hospital, colloquially known as "the Green,"
8 proved invaluable during the influenza epidemic of 1918, and it
9 soon earned recognition for its pioneering specialty care; and

10 WHEREAS, When the institution began to struggle financially
11 over the ensuing decades, local voters approved the creation of the
12 Bexar County Hospital District in 1955, allowing the Green to
13 continue its vital work; in 1968, the facility took on a new primary
14 role as an outpatient center, as most of its inpatient services were
15 transferred to the recently constructed teaching hospital at the
16 South Texas Medical Center; years later, the hospital district was
17 renamed the University Health System, which is now a nationally
18 recognized academic health center and network of more than 20
19 primary care, urgent care, specialty, and school-based health
20 centers; and

21 WHEREAS, Though the original Green Memorial Hospital
22 building continues to serve as a proud landmark of the UHS campus,
23 most all of the system's outpatient services are offered next door
24 at the Robert B. Green Clinical Pavilion, a six-story facility

1 built in 2013; and

2 WHEREAS, Robert B. Green Memorial Hospital long played a
3 significant role in providing medical care to underserved residents
4 in Bexar County, and this occasion presents a welcome opportunity
5 to recognize its rich historical legacy; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the
8 founding of Robert B. Green Memorial Hospital and commend all those
9 associated with the University Health System for their work in
10 carrying forth the worthwhile mission of that institution.