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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, March 8, 2017, is Parkland Health & Hospital System
2 Day at the State Capitol, and this occasion provides a fitting
3 opportunity to recognize this noteworthy institution; and

4 WHEREAS, Parkland Health & Hospital System has been caring
5 for patients in Dallas County since 1894, and it has grown into an
6 integrated health system and a prominent public academic medical
7 center that today employs more than 12,000 individuals; and

8 WHEREAS, Over the years, Parkland has expanded its services,
9 and it is designated as a Level I trauma center, a Level III
10 neonatal intensive care unit, and a Level II stroke facility;
11 moreover, in 2015, Parkland opened a new four million square foot
12 hospital to better meet the needs of a growing population, and in
13 January 2017, the system added a new ambulatory clinic named after
14 longtime CEO Dr. Ron J. Anderson; and

15 WHEREAS, With an average of some 63,000 admissions and over
16 one million outpatient visits annually, Parkland's reach extends
17 into the communities through numerous primary care clinics,
18 school-based clinics, and mobile medical vans, and with innovative
19 programs that include Homeless Outreach Medical Services, the
20 Injury Prevention Center of Greater Dallas, and the North Texas
21 Poison Center; the Parkland system also assists the uninsured in
22 Dallas County, enabling residents of all means to have access to the
23 health care they need; and

24 WHEREAS, Parkland has received a number of honors over the

1 years, including a 2015 Leapfrog Top Hospital Award for quality and
2 safety and a 2016 designation as one of the 50 Greenest Hospitals in
3 America; additionally, the facility has been recognized with a
4 Texas Preparedness Leadership Award for its outstanding service in
5 response to the 2016 Dallas police shootings; and

6 WHEREAS, For more than 120 years, Parkland Health & Hospital
7 System has worked to provide patients and their families with
8 skilled and compassionate care, and its record of achievement and
9 dedication to the residents of the Dallas County area are indeed
10 deserving of special praise; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize March 8, 2017, as Parkland Health &
13 Hospital System Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting
14 delegation sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable
15 stay in Austin.