

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 347

WHEREAS, February 2, 2017, marks the 100th anniversary of the first patient of Robert B. Green Memorial Hospital in Bexar County, a health care facility named in honor of the Bexar County judge and Texas state senator who was a beloved champion of the working class; and

WHEREAS, The Robert B. Green Memorial Hospital served all persons who needed it, regardless of their ability to pay, proved invaluable during the influenza epidemic of 1918, and soon after earned recognition for its pioneering specialty care; and

WHEREAS, When the voters of Bexar County overwhelmingly approved the creation of the Bexar County Hospital District in 1955, the Robert B. Green Memorial Hospital became the anchor facility for the hospital district's mission to furnish medical aid and hospital care to the indigent and needy persons of Bexar County; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, with the construction of a new teaching hospital adjacent to The University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio, the Robert B. Green Memorial Hospital was transformed into the hub of the hospital district's growing ambulatory health system, providing advanced imaging, laboratory, and pharmacy services, in addition to primary and specialty clinics; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, to continue the legacy of the Robert B. Green Memorial Hospital, the Bexar County commissioners approved the issuance of certificates of obligation to support the construction of a new state-of-the-art ambulatory services pavilion adjacent to the historic facility; and

WHEREAS, In January 2013, a new 269,000-square-foot, six-story Clinical Pavilion on the historic Robert B. Green Campus opened, featuring urgent care, adult and pediatric primary care and specialty care, comprehensive laboratory services, pharmacy, and imaging diagnostics, including CT, MRI, mammography, X-ray, and ultrasound; and

WHEREAS, The Bexar County Hospital District, now doing business as University Health System, is today a nationally recognized academic health center and network of more than 20 primary care, urgent care, specialty, and school-based health centers and is ranked the Best Hospital in San Antonio and No. 6 in Texas by *U.S. News & World Report*; and

WHEREAS, University Health System is an integral partner of the State of Texas in providing emergency preparedness and trauma services for South Central Texas at its premier Level I Trauma Center and the only Level I Pediatric Trauma Center in South Texas; and

WHEREAS, University Health System is the primary partner of UT Health San Antonio for providing graduate medical education and advancing knowledge and discovery to promote the good health of Texans; and

WHEREAS, This occasion presents a welcome opportunity to recognize the rich historical legacy of the lifesaving mission that started with the admission of that first patient at the Robert B. Green Memorial Hospital in February 1917; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Robert B. Green Memorial Hospital and commend the board of managers and leadership of University Health System for their work in carrying forth the legacy of county judge Robert B. Green and the Robert B. Green Memorial Hospital; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby urge the board of managers and leadership of University Health System to continue the legacy of Judge Green by providing the highest level of care, service, and compassion to the people of Bexar County for the next 100 years.

Menéndez, Campbell,
Uresti, Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 1, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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