

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 360**

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Parkland has received a number of honors over the years, including a 2015 Leapfrog Top Hospital Award for quality and safety and a 2016 designation as one of the 50 Greenest Hospitals in America; additionally, the facility has been recognized with a

Texas Preparedness Leadership Award for its outstanding service in response to the 2016 Dallas police shootings; and

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

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby recognize March 8, 2017, as Parkland Health and Hospital System Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 8, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate