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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, HCA Healthcare marked its 50th anniversary in 2018,

2 offering a welcome opportunity to recognize the organization for

its vital contributions to the health and well-being of the Lone

4 Star State; and

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5 WHEREAS, One of the first hospital companies in the United

6 States, HCA was founded in 1968 by Dr. Thomas Frist Sr., Dr. Thomas

7 Frist Jr., and Jack Massey; seeking to provide health care to

8 rapidly growing communities across the nation, the company quickly

9 expanded, building new hospitals in underserved areas, buying and

10 upgrading existing facilities, and collaborating to manage

11 hospitals for other owners; and

WHEREAS, Today, HCA has 185 hospitals and 119 freestanding

surgery centers in the U.S. and the United Kingdom, and it employs

14 more than 265,000 individuals; furthermore, over 60,000 people work

15 at the company's 57 Texas hospitals, which encompass the Woman's

16 Hospital of Texas, Medical City Healthcare, Methodist Healthcare,

17 St. David's HealthCare, and Las Palmas Del Sol Healthcare; and

18 WHEREAS, Consistently named one of the World's Most Ethical

19 Companies by the Ethisphere Institute, HCA gives back to the

20 community by providing charity care, uninsured discounts, and other

21 uncompensated care; in 1982, it formed the HCA Foundation to fund

22 medical education, the arts, and community service, and it later

23 established the Hope Fund to assist HCA employees in cases of

24 extended illness, injury, or disaster; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, After half a century, HCA Healthcare continues to be
- 2 an essential resource for countless Texans, and its dedicated staff
- 3 and administrators may take immense pride in the company's long
- 4 tradition of excellence; now, therefore, be it
- 5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
- 6 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of HCA
- 7 Healthcare and extend to all those associated with the company
- 8 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 10 prepared for HCA Healthcare as an expression of high regard by the
- 11 Texas House of Representatives.