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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For 125 years, Parkland Health & Hospital System has
2 been a trusted resource for Dallas County residents and a model of
3 socially conscious health care for medical centers around the
4 country; and

5 WHEREAS, Parkland Memorial Hospital opened its doors on May
6 19, 1894, with a benevolent mission to serve the community's poor;
7 although the establishment of the institution came at a time when
8 few technologies existed, the foundation upon which it was
9 built--the right of all people to state-of-the-art health care,
10 regardless of financial status--would weather more than a century
11 of political, social, and economic change; the hospital stood
12 through the Great Depression, two world wars, and the civil rights
13 movement and was propelled into the national consciousness on
14 November 22, 1963, when President John F. Kennedy died within its
15 walls; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, Parkland is a world-renowned health care
17 provider featuring outstanding trauma and burn centers, one of the
18 busiest labor and delivery departments in the nation, and an
19 abiding focus on innovation and cost efficiency; the 21st century
20 has brought unique challenges to hospitals, and through a
21 pioneering approach to population health management that involves
22 addressing the social determinants of health and using predictive
23 analytics and telemedicine, Parkland is committed to improving
24 medical outcomes for all while practicing good financial

1 stewardship; and

2 WHEREAS, Parkland's patient care services include its Victim
3 Intervention Program/Rape Crisis Center and HIV/AIDS Clinic, and it
4 is home to the headquarters of both the Injury Prevention Center of
5 Greater Dallas as well as the North Texas Poison Center; in
6 addition, through continued support for its Community Oriented
7 Primary Care system, medicine is being brought directly to
8 underserved local residents, including members of Dallas County's
9 homeless population; and

10 WHEREAS, The long and distinguished history of Parkland
11 Health & Hospital System has been shaped by the exceptional skill,
12 compassion, and commitment of its physicians, staff, and
13 administrators, and their ongoing pursuit of excellence will be
14 integral as the health system continues to build on its stellar
15 reputation in the decades to come; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
17 Legislature hereby congratulate Parkland Health & Hospital System
18 on 125 years of service to the people of Dallas County and extend to
19 all those associated with the health system sincere best wishes for
20 continued success; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Parkland as an expression of high regard by the Texas
23 House of Representatives.