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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso is
2 marking the 100th anniversary of its founding on July 1, 2021,
3 providing an ideal opportunity to recognize this noteworthy
4 institution for its rich legacy of service; and

5 WHEREAS, Named after the famed U.S. Army surgeon, William
6 Beaumont Army Medical Center first opened on July 1, 1921; for two
7 decades, it functioned as the station hospital for Fort Bliss and as
8 a general hospital for the western portion of the army's 8th Service
9 Command, and its original staff consisted of 6 medical officers, 2
10 nurses, and 30 medical corpsmen; during World War II, the facility
11 treated prisoners of war, and it served as a teaching hospital where
12 research was conducted on medical issues specific to soldiers; and

13 WHEREAS, William Beaumont Army Medical Center has provided
14 state-of-the-art medical care to not only military personnel and
15 families, but also residents of El Paso; in recent years, the
16 hospital has played an important role in the aftermath of the 2019
17 mass shooting in El Paso and during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic;
18 looking ahead to the future, the medical center is preparing to open
19 a new campus spanning 1.3 million square feet, which will feature
20 135 beds, 10 operating rooms, and 30 specialty clinics; and

21 WHEREAS, For a century, William Beaumont Army Medical Center
22 has been a resource of inestimable value to the El Paso community,
23 and it is fitting to recognize the hospital's significant
24 contributions during this milestone year; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
2 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of William
3 Beaumont Army Medical Center and extend to the hospital's
4 administrators, medical personnel, and staff sincere best wishes
5 for the future; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for the hospital as an expression of high regard by the
8 Texas House of Representatives.