

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 254

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to Olney Hamilton Hospital, which was recognized in 2019 as the longest continuously operating rural hospital in the state by the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals; and

**WHEREAS**, Olney Hamilton Hospital was established as the city's first hospital in 1908 by Dr. George B. Hamilton; originally located in a private home, the hospital relocated to a large frame building in 1914, and in 1927, Dr. Hamilton oversaw the completion of a new building at the hospital's present location on Hamilton Street; and

**WHEREAS**, Through the years, Olney Hamilton Hospital has benefited greatly from its outstanding leadership; the hospital's skilled administrators and physicians were able to keep the hospital in operation, even as other rural hospitals across the state and nation faced cutbacks and closures; and

**WHEREAS**, Today, the hospital continues to provide high-quality medical care to area patients through the use of state-of-the-art equipment and technology; its services include a 24-hour emergency department, a Level IV trauma center, and comprehensive outpatient services; and

**WHEREAS**, For more than a century, Olney Hamilton Hospital has been a vital part of the fabric of life in Olney, and it is indeed fitting that it receive special recognition; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby commend Olney Hamilton Hospital on its record of exceptional patient care and service and extend to its management and staff best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the hospital as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 14, 2021.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate