**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND ST. JOSEPH’S/CANDLER HEALTH SYSTEM OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO THE WELL‑BEING AND LONG‑TERM HEALTH OF THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA’S COASTAL LOWCOUNTRY.

Whereas, St. Joseph’s Hospital founded in 1875 and Candler Hospital founded in 1804 are jointly “rooted in God’s love” for the purpose of “treating illness and promoting wellness for all people”; and

Whereas, its renowned commitment to community outreach through innovative programs, private and public partnerships, and grassroots solutions has provided measurable, positive impacts on the citizenry it serves; and

Whereas, St. Joseph’s/Candler’s mission of care and compassion is not restricted by geographical borders, but rather inspired by the needs of the people it serves, including citizens of Beaufort, Jasper, and Hampton Counties in South Carolina; and

Whereas, the health provider’s consistent, centuries‑old commitment to the South Carolina Lowcountry can be seen in the expansion of needed medical services and technology to that region, designed not to replace local providers, but rather to complement and supplement services for the betterment of the community; and

Whereas, these services include access to primary care, physician specialty services, state‑of‑the‑art‑imaging technology, wound and hyperbaric care, outpatient physical therapy, infusion services, medication management, and advanced medical and radiation oncology; and

Whereas, not only has St. Joseph’s/Candler’s commitment to the Lowcountry had a beneficial impact on the health of South Carolina citizenry and its economy, but also the presence of such a vital community infrastructure has helped fuel further economic growth and development; and

Whereas, St. Joseph’s/Candler’s commitment to an innovative, healthy, and solid future for South Carolina is witnessed by its involvement in and continued support of the Don Ryan Innovation Center in Bluffton; and

Whereas, St. Joseph’s/Candler is the most recent recipient of the American Hospital Association’s prestigious Foster G. McGaw Prize for distinguished excellence in community service, an honor presented to only one deserving hospital in the nation each year, and recognizes this healthcare provider as a national model for community outreach, service, and engagement; and

Whereas, St. Joseph’s/Candler encourages a highly skilled, technologically‑savvy workforce, loyal to its health mission and possessing a keen awareness of the populations they serve, to offer a culturally competent approach that skillfully implements its services. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and commend St. Joseph’s/Candler Health System of Savannah, Georgia, along with its coworkers and community partners, for its commitment to the well‑being and long‑term health of the citizens of South Carolina’s coastal Lowcountry.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Paul P. Hinchey, President and CEO of St. Joseph’s/Candler.

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