**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KERSHAWHEALTH FOR ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF CARING FOR PATIENTS IN KERSHAW COUNTY AND TO CELEBRATE WITH THE KERSHAW COMMUNITY UPON THE OCCASION OF THE HOSPITAL’S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to learn that KershawHealth will commemorate a century of service in Kershaw at the KershawHealth Centennial Ball at the Springdale Race Course in Camden on April 27, 2013; and

Whereas, the week of April 21 through 27, 2013, will begin with an ecumenical service at Temple Beth El in Camden to give thanks for the hospital’s centennial in Kershaw County. The week of celebration will include a Centennial Family Barbecue and Chicken Bog at KershawHealth’s Outpatient Center in Elgin and a reception at the Camden Archives and Museum to open an exhibit chronicling the history of health care in Kershaw County from 1734 to today; and

Whereas, proceeds from the weeklong events will endow the Centennial Fund to enable KershawHealth to have access to the latest technological advances in health care, to maintain appropriate health care facilities, and to draw and retain quality medical professionals; and

Whereas, the hospital was initially funded in 1912 when Captain John Burdell bequeathed the operating funds to support the establishment of the first hospital in Kershaw County although local citizens had already begun raising funds for a community hospital; and

Whereas, early in 1913, Camden native Bernard Baruch provided the funds for the hospital building itself, and by the year’s end, the Camden Hospital had opened and begun caring for patients; and

Whereas, the twenty‑bed hospital that opened at the end of 1913 has grown into one of the leading community health care systems in South Carolina; and

Whereas, in 2010, KershawHealth formed a partnership with the Medical University of South Carolina to provide state‑of‑the‑art emergency stroke diagnosis and treatment, and the hospital has recently added a broad range of specialties to include orthopedics, ENT, urology, nephrology, oncology, cardiology, neurology, pulmonology, infectious disease, pediatrics, and obstetrics/gynecology, as well as primary care; and

Whereas, since 2011, the KershawHealth emergency department has been staffed entirely by physicians certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine, and in 2012 KershawHealth was named a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence by the American College of Radiology; and

Whereas, in 2012, KershawHealth was the guiding force in establishing LiveWell Kershaw, a community effort in collaboration with the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina, with a goal of making Kershaw County the healthiest in the State and becoming a prototype for counties across the United States to improve population health; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are grateful for the commitment to health care that KershawHealth has provided to the citizens of Kershaw County and appreciate the significant benchmark that this centennial celebration represents for the past, present, and future of health care in our State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize and honor KershawHealth for one hundred years of caring for patients in Kershaw County and celebrate with the Kershaw community upon the occasion of the hospital’s centennial anniversary.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Donnie Weeks, President and CEO of KershawHealth.

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