**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE SPARTANBURG REGIONAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM ON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY AND, ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE SYSTEM’S MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THIS GREAT STATE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to learn that August 29, 2021, marks the one hundredth anniversary of the opening of Spartanburg General Hospital, which has since evolved into Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System; and

Whereas, Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System has a long and venerable history; and

Whereas, in 1917, a group of Spartanburg physicians and community leaders, seeing the need for a modern, well‑equipped hospital facility to provide acute and obstetrical care and surgical services, petitioned the South Carolina General Assembly for authorization to construct a new hospital, which was approved by Spartanburg voters; and

Whereas, a board was appointed, land was acquired on Church Street, and construction began on the hospital building; and

Whereas, on August 29, 1921, Spartanburg General Hospital opened its doors as a four‑story, sixty-seven-bed facility that included an emergency room, X‑ray equipment, operating and recovery rooms, a maternity suite, a nursery, a pharmacy, and a solarium; and

Whereas, the physicians, nurses, and staff of Spartanburg General Hospital dedicated themselves to providing the highest quality of health care and the most innovative technologies to residents of the community the hospital served; and

Whereas, year after year, hospital leaders expanded facilities and launched new initiatives. These practices resulted in many firsts, including establishment of the first cancer clinic in South Carolina and the first certified Family Medicine residency in the Southeast, as well as recognition as the first hospital in the Carolinas to bring all aspects of cardiovascular care under one roof, as one of the first in the Upstate to engage in cutting‑edge cancer research and treatment through Gibbs Cancer Center & Research Institute, and as one of the first in the Upstate to expand its footprint to include physician practices, outpatient services, and surgery centers; and

Whereas, in 1991, the Spartanburg Regional Foundation was established as a fundraising organization with a specific mission to stimulate and receive charitable gifts that benefit the programs and services of Spartanburg General Hospital; and

Whereas, in 1996, the organization was renamed Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System to reflect its broad range of healthcare services across the community; and

Whereas, today, Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System is an integrated healthcare delivery system that includes 5 hospitals, 3 skilled nursing facilities, 1,378 licensed beds, more than 110 physician practice sites, and nearly 10,000 associates who serve more than 1,000,000 residents of Upstate South Carolina and Western North Carolina. The system is more committed than ever to advancing the health of the community that founded it one hundred years ago. 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, congratulate Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary and, on behalf of the people of South Carolina, express their appreciation for the system’s many years of dedicated service to this great State.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System.

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