

By Senator Jones

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1                                   Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

2           A resolution honoring the former President and

3           Chief Executive Officer of All Children's

4           Hospital, J. Dennis Sexton.

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6           WHEREAS, All Children's Hospital, Inc., is the leading

7           children's hospital in West Central Florida, providing

8           specialty and sub-specialty pediatric care, and

9           WHEREAS, J. Dennis Sexton joined All Children's

10          Hospital as the Director of Development and Community

11          Relations in July 1971, and was named President and CEO of All

12          Children's Hospital in February 1973, and

13          WHEREAS, during Mr. Sexton's tenure at All Children's

14          Hospital gross revenues increased from \$1.9 million to more

15          than \$367 million; the number of hospital employees increased

16          from 165 to 2,115; inpatient admissions increased from 3,931

17          to 8,768; and outpatient visits increased from 12,379 to

18          199,610, and

19          WHEREAS, J. Dennis Sexton established funding matched

20          by the Florida Legislature for seven Chairs dedicated to

21          pediatric research in the fields of molecular genetics,

22          developmental biology, immunodeficiency, immunology, perinatal

23          cardiology, heart development, child health policy, and two

24          Chairs in pediatric clinical research and pulmonology, which

25          are awaiting the match in the Legislature, with a combined

26          dollar value, for all nine Chairs of \$26 million, and

27          WHEREAS, Mr. Sexton has also worked to establish

28          clinics to reach out to children and families in Pinellas,

29          Hillsborough, Pasco, Polk, Sarasota, Lee, and Citrus Counties,

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1           WHEREAS, J. Dennis Sexton has also served as a member  
2 of the Florida Hospital Cost Containment Board, the Florida  
3 Perinatal Advisory Council, the Children's Medical Services  
4 Pediatric Network Advisory Council, the Pediatric Standards  
5 Advisory Council, the Campus Advisory Board of the University  
6 of South Florida, and the Children's Miracle Network board and  
7 as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the National  
8 Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions  
9 (NACHRI), and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Sexton's service to the children of the  
11 state of Florida, as well as the nation, has greatly improved  
12 the quality of pediatric healthcare in treatment, teaching,  
13 and research, and

14           WHEREAS, J. Dennis Sexton retired January 3, 2003,  
15 after 31 years of service to All Children's Hospital, NOW,  
16 THEREFORE,

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18 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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20           That the Florida Senate recognizes J. Dennis Sexton for  
21 his 31 years of exemplary service and leadership at All  
22 Children's Hospital and congratulates him on his retirement.

23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,  
24 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to J. Dennis  
25 Sexton as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida  
26 Senate.

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