

By Senator Richter

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing October 3, 2016, as the Centennial Anniversary of Lee Memorial Health System and commending the board of directors, nurses, doctors, employees, auxiliaries, and volunteers of, and donors to, Lee Memorial Health System for their support and dedication to the delivery of quality health care services to area residents.

WHEREAS, Lee County Hospital began serving area residents on October 3, 1916, as a 15-bed hospital, and

WHEREAS, Lee County Hospital grew to become one of the largest public, not-for-profit health systems in the country, and is now known as Lee Memorial Health System, and

WHEREAS, the overall quality of life enjoyed by residents of a community is reflective of the health and well-being of the residents and the availability of quality health care services to those residents, and

WHEREAS, Lee Memorial Health System is working to achieve its vision to be the best patient-centered and family-centered health care system in the nation by working to deliver excellence in quality, safety, efficiency, and compassion, and

WHEREAS, for the past century, Lee Memorial Health System has maintained its commitment to provide fully accessible health care services for residents of Southwest Florida without regard to their ability to pay and without direct taxpayer support, and

WHEREAS, Lee Memorial Health System is a fully accredited, comprehensive health system providing a continuum of health care services through its hospitals, physician practices, outpatient facilities, wellness programs, home health services, and skilled nursing facilities, and

WHEREAS, Lee Memorial Health System provides services

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33 unique to the region, such as the Golisano Children's Hospital
34 of Southwest Florida, a regional trauma center, a regional
35 cancer center, a regional perinatal intensive care center, a
36 Level III neonatal intensive care unit, and a kidney transplant
37 clinic, and

38 WHEREAS, Lee Memorial Health System is one of the region's
39 largest employers, with a staff of more than 11,000, including
40 300 primary and specialty care physicians and advanced
41 practitioners, a medical staff of more than 1,400, and three
42 auxiliaries that include 4,500 volunteers, all in support of
43 more than a million patient encounters each year, and

44 WHEREAS, Lee Memorial Health System collaborates with
45 community and social service agencies through Healthy Lee, Lee
46 Community Health Care, and multiple outreach programs aimed at
47 identifying the health needs of the community and constructing a
48 strategic plan for improving residents' health and quality of
49 life, and

50 WHEREAS, as a result of its unique combination of
51 facilities, capabilities, and people, including the people of
52 Southwest Florida, whose support and generosity over the past
53 100 years have played a major role in its success, Lee Memorial
54 Health System has been recognized with numerous quality and
55 safety awards at the national, state, and local levels, NOW,
56 THEREFORE,

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

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60 That October 3, 2016, is recognized as the Centennial
61 Anniversary of Lee Memorial Health System, and the board of

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62 directors, nurses, doctors, employees, auxiliaries, and
63 volunteers of, and donors to, Lee Memorial Health System are
64 commended for their support and dedication to the delivery of
65 quality health care services to area residents.