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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing and commending the Moffitt Cancer Center on the occasion of its 30th anniversary.

WHEREAS, in 1981, the Legislature passed a bill creating the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, and construction of the project began in 1983, and

WHEREAS, the Moffitt Cancer Center opened in 1986 and in 1989 launched the Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Moffitt Cancer Center Screening and Prevention opened, followed in 1995 by the Moffitt Research Center, and

WHEREAS, in 1998, the Moffitt Cancer Center earned a National Cancer Institute (NCI) Cancer Center Support Grant, and the Legislature appropriated \$100 million to expand research and clinical programs, and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the Moffitt Cancer Center earned NCI Comprehensive Cancer Center status and in 2003 opened the Vincent A. Stabile Research Building and an expanded Muriel Rothman Building, and

WHEREAS, in 2003 the Moffitt Cancer Center launched Total Cancer Care, an innovative program that seeks to overcome economic and geographic barriers to advanced cancer care, and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Moffitt Cancer Center opened the South Expansion, where two new Varian Trilogy units and a new Pinnacle Treatment Planning System have been installed and are in use in the Radiation Oncology Section, and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the Moffitt Cancer Center at International Plaza opened, and Moffitt South moved to a location near Tampa International Airport and International Plaza, and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the modern, 207,000-square-foot Moffitt

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33 McKinley Outpatient Center opened, fulfilling a critical need
34 for expanded outpatient services, and

35 WHEREAS, the Moffitt Cancer Center, the state's only NCI-
36 designated Comprehensive Cancer Center and the state leader in
37 treatment, research, and training, treats 1,000 patients each
38 day as the third-largest and fastest-growing cancer center in
39 the nation, and

40 WHEREAS, the Moffitt Cancer Center has grown from 400
41 employees to more than 5,000, and has a nearly \$2 billion
42 economic impact, with more than 100 patent applications, and

43 WHEREAS, the Moffitt Cancer Center is training more than
44 1,800 students annually to address the critical future shortage
45 of oncologists in this state, and

46 WHEREAS, the Moffitt Cancer Center is leading the state in
47 research, with nearly 12,000 patients placed in clinical trials
48 in the past 5 years, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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52 That the Senate recognizes and commends the Moffitt Cancer
53 Center on the occasion of its 30th anniversary.