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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing and commending Moffitt Cancer  
3 Center on the occasion of its 35th anniversary.

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5 WHEREAS, Moffitt Cancer Center was created by the  
6 Legislature in 1981, with construction of the campus beginning  
7 in 1983 and the center opening its doors in 1986, and

8 WHEREAS, in 1997, Moffitt Cancer Center earned a National  
9 Cancer Institute (NCI) Cancer Center Support Grant and by 2001  
10 received the prestigious NCI designation as a Comprehensive  
11 Cancer Center, in recognition of its scientific excellence and  
12 its leadership in the discovery and development of more  
13 effective approaches to cancer prevention, diagnosis, and  
14 treatment, and

15 WHEREAS, with this national recognition, Moffitt Cancer  
16 Center continues to attract top physicians and scientists from  
17 around the world, and

18 WHEREAS, Moffitt Cancer Center provides care to nearly  
19 68,000 patients annually from all of this state's 67 counties,  
20 all 50 states, and 133 countries, and

21 WHEREAS, to accommodate a growing number of patients and  
22 fulfill a critical need for increased outpatient services, the  
23 center embraced plans for expansion, including the opening of  
24 Moffitt Cancer Center at International Plaza in 2011 and the  
25 Moffitt McKinley Outpatient Center in 2015, and

26 WHEREAS, over the course of 35 years, the number of  
27 employees at Moffitt Cancer Center has grown from 400 to more  
28 than 7,500, with an economic impact of nearly \$2.5 billion, and

29 WHEREAS, Moffitt Cancer Center annually trains more than

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30 2,600 oncology professionals, and

31 WHEREAS, Moffitt Cancer Center is a leader in  
32 groundbreaking discoveries in basic, clinical, quantitative, and  
33 population science, with Moffitt Cancer Center researchers  
34 playing a key role in the approval of HPV vaccines to prevent  
35 cervical, head and neck, and other cancers and in the  
36 development of CAR-T cell therapy, a new curative treatment for  
37 lymphoma, and

38 WHEREAS, these researchers also played a key role in the  
39 understanding of the genetic basis of cancer risk and in the use  
40 of mathematical models to inform adaptive therapy to reduce the  
41 risk of cancer recurrence, and

42 WHEREAS, Moffitt Cancer Center is deeply committed to  
43 serving and engaging with diverse communities through outreach,  
44 education, and screening, and

45 WHEREAS, to that end, Moffitt Cancer Center continues to  
46 work closely with its patient and community advisory boards to  
47 meet their needs and recognize their priorities; is providing  
48 cancer education related to prevention, early detection, and  
49 clinical trials; and is providing free screenings for a variety  
50 of cancers across the Tampa Bay area, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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54 That Moffitt Cancer Center is recognized and commended on  
55 the occasion of its 35th anniversary for its contribution to the  
56 prevention and cure of cancer and for its vision to transform  
57 cancer care through cutting edge science, high-quality clinical  
58 care, and novel partnerships.