

By Senator Hooper

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing and commending H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute for its contributions to the prevention and treatment of cancer and the search for a cure for cancer, and for its vision to transform cancer care through cutting-edge science, high-quality clinical care, and innovative partnerships.

WHEREAS, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute was created by the Legislature in 1981, with construction of the main campus in Tampa beginning in 1983 and the center opening its doors in 1986, and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Moffitt Cancer Center was awarded a National Cancer Institute (NCI) Cancer Center Support Grant and, by 2001, had earned the prestigious NCI designation as a Comprehensive Cancer Center in recognition of its scientific excellence and its leadership in the discovery and development of more effective approaches to cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment, and

WHEREAS, bolstered by such national recognition and other accolades, Moffitt Cancer Center continues to attract top physicians and scientists from around the world to its team, and

WHEREAS, Moffitt Cancer Center annually provides care at its main and branch campuses to nearly 86,000 patients from all 67 of this state's counties, from all 50 states, and from 133 countries, and

WHEREAS, to accommodate a growing number of patients, Moffitt Cancer Center embraced plans for expansion, including

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30 opening Moffitt McKinley Hospital in 2023, and

31 WHEREAS, over the course of 36 years, the number of
32 employees at Moffitt Cancer Center has grown from 400 to more
33 than 9,000, with an economic impact in this state of nearly \$2.5
34 billion, and

35 WHEREAS, Moffitt Cancer Center trains more than 2,800
36 oncology professionals annually, and

37 WHEREAS, Moffitt Cancer Center is a leader in
38 groundbreaking discoveries in basic, clinical, quantitative, and
39 population science, with Moffitt Cancer Center researchers
40 playing key roles in the development of TIL therapy, a new
41 curative treatment for lymphoma, and

42 WHEREAS, these researchers also played key roles in the
43 understanding of the genetic basis of cancer risk and in the use
44 of mathematical models to inform adaptive therapy to reduce the
45 risk of cancer recurrence, and

46 WHEREAS, Moffitt Cancer Center is deeply committed to
47 serving and engaging with diverse communities through outreach,
48 education, and screening, and

49 WHEREAS, to that end, Moffitt Cancer Center continues to
50 work closely with its patient and community advisory boards to
51 meet their needs and recognize their priorities; provide cancer
52 education related to prevention, early detection, and clinical
53 trials; and provide free screenings across this state for a
54 variety of cancers, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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58 That H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute is

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59 recognized and commended for its contributions to the prevention
60 and treatment of cancer and the search for a cure for cancer,
61 and for its vision to transform cancer care through cutting-edge
62 science, high-quality clinical care, and innovative
63 partnerships.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
65 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to H. Lee Moffitt
66 Cancer Center and Research Institute as a tangible token of the
67 sentiments of the Florida Senate.