

By Senator Boyd

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing and commending Moffitt Cancer Center on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.

WHEREAS, Moffitt Cancer Center was created by the Legislature in 1981, construction of the center began in Tampa in 1983, and Moffitt opened its doors in October 1986, and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Moffitt Cancer Center was the first such facility in Florida to earn the prestigious National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation as a Comprehensive Cancer Center and is this state's longest-established NCI-designated cancer center, and

WHEREAS, NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers are recognized for their scientific excellence and leadership in the discovery and development of more effective approaches to cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment, which efforts attract top physicians and scientists from around the world to Moffitt Cancer Center, and

WHEREAS, Moffitt Cancer Center provides multidisciplinary care for the best outcomes to more than 100,000 unique patients with more than 700,000 outpatient visits from all 67 Florida counties, 50 states, and 133 countries, and

WHEREAS, to accommodate patient growth and fulfill a critical need for increased outpatient services, expansions have included the opening of the Moffitt Cancer Center at International Plaza in 2011, Moffitt McKinley Outpatient Center in 2015, Moffitt McKinley Hospital in 2023, Moffitt at SouthShore in 2024, and the Speros Outpatient Center in 2026 as part of the expanding Speros research and innovation campus in

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Pasco County, and

WHEREAS, Moffitt Cancer Center has grown from 400 employees to more than 10,000 over the span of 40 years, and today has an economic impact of nearly \$3 billion, and

WHEREAS, Moffitt Cancer Center annually trains more than 2,600 students, and

WHEREAS, Moffitt Cancer Center is a leader in breakthrough discoveries in basic, clinical, quantitative, and population science, and

WHEREAS, Moffitt Cancer Center is committed to providing education, screening, and innovative treatments to reduce the cancer burden through collaborative efforts with partner organizations, continued use of mobile screening, and research to advance care and treatment options for patients, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Florida Senate recognizes and commends Moffitt Cancer Center on the occasion of its 40th anniversary and joins with Moffitt in its mission to contribute to the prevention and cure of cancer and to realize its vision to transform cancer care through cutting edge science, high quality clinical care, and novel partnerships.