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2022 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Shreveport Shriners Hospital on the occasion of its 100th year anniversary as the first Shriners Hospital in the world.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend the Shreveport Shriners Hospital on the occasion of its one hundredth year
3	anniversary as the first Shriners Hospital in the world.
4	WHEREAS, in 2022 the Shreveport Shriners Hospital will celebrate their 100th
5	anniversary as the first Shriners in the world; and
6	WHEREAS, a myriad of events, activities, and promotions will be held throughout
7	the year celebrating this tremendous milestone; and
8	WHEREAS, in 1921, the Shriner fraternity made the momentous decision to create
9	a hospital designed for kids with orthopedic conditions; and
10	WHEREAS, at the time, polio was quickly becoming a national epidemic, and care
11	for children with congenital orthopedic conditions and injuries was lacking; and
12	WHEREAS, led by Shriner and Shreveport businessman James Rowland, Louisiana
13	Shriners made a proposal to bring the first hospital to Shreveport, having secured land,
14	funding, and a qualified orthopedic surgeon, which was approved at the national meeting of
15	hospital delegates in Georgia; and
16	WHEREAS, the Shreveport Shriners Hospital opened September 16, 1922, as the
17	first facility of an extraordinary pediatric healthcare effort; and
18	WHEREAS, although, much has changed in the world from technology, medical

I	breakthroughs, the polio vaccine, and other monumental transformations, the mission of
2	Shriners Children's has remained the same; and
3	WHEREAS, from their humble beginnings of treating the effects of polio, they now
4	provide specialized care for children with orthopedic conditions, cleft lips and palates, burns,
5	and spinal cord injuries in 21 locations in the United States, Canada, and Mexico; and
6	WHEREAS, Shriners Shreveport has provided vital care to a global population of
7	more than one hundred thirty-five thousand, regardless of the families' ability to pay; and
8	WHEREAS, the system overall has treated more than one million four hundred
9	thousand children; and
10	WHEREAS, every year Shriners Hospitals for Children selects two national patient
11	ambassadors to represent the healthcare system's patients; and
12	WHEREAS, one of Shreveport's patients was selected in 2016-2017 for this high
13	honor, Karolina Nogues; and
14	WHEREAS, Karolina Nogues of Slidell spent the year sharing her story of
15	perseverance in the face of adversity and how Shriners made a dramatic, life-changing
16	difference in her life; and
17	WHEREAS, Karolina was born in 2000 with a significant limb-length discrepancy
18	involving her left leg that required Karolina to wear a shoe lift that helped compensate for
19	the difference for the first five years of her life; and
20	WHEREAS, her family searched for a better solution after some physicians
21	suggested amputation and Shriners was the answer; and
22	WHEREAS, she began the painful, tedious lengthening treatment at age seven that
23	would take nine years and require multiple surgeries and the use of an external fixator that
24	lengthened her leg incrementally by seven inches; and
25	WHEREAS, now in her last year of undergraduate studies, she is majoring in
26	forensic psychology and applying to graduate schools and is a member of the Western
27	Equestrian Team at University of Central Florida; and
28	WHEREAS, she is just one of the many success stories of Shriners in Shreveport
29	which serves six states.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

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1 commend the Shreveport Shriners Hospital on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary 2 as the first Shriners Hospital in the world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

4 Shreveport Shriners Hospital.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by James Benton.

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