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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

BY REPRESENTATIVES PRESSLY, BAGLEY, CREWS, HORTON, JEFFERSON,
JENKINS, MCCORMICK, MCMAHEN, PHELPS, SEABAUGH, AND TURNER
AND SENATORS MILLIGAN, ROBERT MILLS, PEACOCK, AND TARVER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Shriners Hospitals for Children on the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the healthcare network.

WHEREAS, in 1920 members of the Shriners Masonic society unanimously passed a resolution during the Imperial Session of the Shriners in Portland, Oregon; that resolution was the beginning of a network of hospitals now known as the Shriners Hospitals for Children; the first hospital in the system opened in Shreveport, Louisiana, in 1922 and provided pediatric orthopaedic care; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Shriners Hospitals for Children is to provide the highest quality care to children with neuromusculoskeletal conditions, burn injuries, and other special healthcare needs within a compassionate, family-centered, and collaborative care environment; and

WHEREAS, Shriners Hospitals also provide for the education of physicians and other healthcare professionals and conduct research that improves the quality of care and quality of life of children and families; and

WHEREAS, Shriners Hospitals' commitment to providing quality healthcare for all children has been evidenced on numerous occasions throughout the past century; one such example occurred in 1962, when the Shriners of North America committed \$10 million to establish three hospitals that specialized in the treatment and rehabilitation of burned children; the society toured twenty-one university-based medical institutions before deciding to build their first pediatric burn hospital on the campus of the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Shriners Hospitals have continued to provide top-tier medical services to children across the world because of the generosity of many donors; in May 2015, Shriners Hospitals for Children became members of the Mayo Clinic Care Network, a national network of organizations committed to better serving patients and their families through physician collaboration; and

WHEREAS, Shriners Children's Shreveport is unshakably dedicated to bringing hope and healing to families in the Shreveport community and beyond by making their lives less complex throughout their stay; the first-ever Shiner's Children's hospital has evolved tremendously over the last century offering pediatric orthopedics services from a team of highly-trained and experienced physicians and specialists; this team is comprehensively equipped with the necessary knowledge and resources to treat even the most complex pediatric orthopedic conditions; the hospital also offers cleft lip and palate care and fracture care from a separate team of medical specialists; in addition to these, the hospital also provides services in the field of sports medicine and specialty care for children with craniofacial conditions, scoliosis, limb length discrepancy, juvenile idiopathic arthritis, and cerebral palsy; and

WHEREAS, Shriners Children's Shreveport is part of an international pediatric health care system of hospitals, clinics, ambulatory surgery centers, and global outreach; they are committed to providing a full range of programs, services, and support while caring for children in a warm, welcoming, and reassuring environment; and

WHEREAS, Shriners Hospitals for Children constitute an incredibly inspiring charitable organization that is most deserving of recognition, and the state of Louisiana and the city of Shreveport are proud to call themselves home to the first Shriners Hospital for Children.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Shriners Hospitals for Children on the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the healthcare network; does hereby recognize Shriners Hospitals for their unrelenting dedication to the care of all children across the globe; does hereby further recognize Shriners Children's Shreveport for continuing to expand its services and operations in the face of economic hardships over the course of the past century; and does hereby extend sincerest

wishes that Shiners Hospitals for Children and Shriners Children's Shreveport continue to receive the necessary support to continue serving all children for centuries to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the hospital administrator of Shriners Children's Hospital in Shreveport.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE