

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 76

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Charity Hospital and University Medical Center of New Orleans on 288 years of providing medical care in the city of New Orleans and surrounding areas.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Charity Hospital and University Medical Center of New Orleans on 288 years
3 of providing medical care in the city of New Orleans.

4 WHEREAS, on May 10, 1736, Charity Hospital was founded by a grant from Jean
5 Louis, a French sailor and shipbuilder, with the intent to provide medical care for the
6 indigent in the colony of New Orleans, making it the second oldest continuously operated
7 public hospital in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, Charity Hospital, originally named the Hospital of Saint John or
9 L'Hôpital des Pauvres de la Charité, underwent several relocations and rebuildings
10 throughout its history, playing a crucial role in providing medical services to the city's
11 vulnerable populations; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1832, Charity Hospital came under the administration of the Sisters
13 of Charity, marking the beginning of a century-long period during which the hospital was
14 operated by the dedicated nursing care of the Sisters of Charity, contributing significantly
15 to the healthcare landscape of the city of New Orleans and surrounding areas; and

16 WHEREAS, Charity Hospital's legacy expanded beyond patient care with the
17 founding of The Medical College of Louisiana in 1834, marking the hospital's transition into
18 a teaching hospital and fostering the development of medical education and research in the

1 region; and

2 WHEREAS, over the years, Charity Hospital grew in size and prominence, becoming
3 one of the largest hospitals in the world by the 1850s with 1,000 beds, and later, in 1939, the
4 second largest hospital in the United States with 2,680 beds, demonstrating its critical role
5 in meeting the healthcare needs of a rapidly expanding city; and

6 WHEREAS, the spirit of Charity Hospital lives on through the establishment of
7 University Medical Center New Orleans in 2015, which continues to serve the community
8 with exceptional healthcare, groundbreaking research, and a commitment to training the next
9 generation of healthcare professionals; and

10 WHEREAS, the legacy of Charity Hospital, rooted in compassion, dedication, and
11 service to the indigent, remains an integral part of New Orleans' healthcare history and
12 continues to inspire efforts to improve healthcare access and quality for all.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
14 does hereby commend Charity Hospital and University Medical Center of New Orleans on
15 288 years of providing medical care in the city of New Orleans and surrounding areas and
16 acknowledges its historical significance, impact on healthcare, and contributions to medical
17 education and research.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

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