

1 HR236
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3 By Representatives Merrill, Harper, Poole and England
4 RFD:
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8 CONGRATULATING THE DCH REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER IN
9 TUSCALOOSA ON CELEBRATING ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY.
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11 WHEREAS, commendations and congratulations are
12 herein conveyed to DCH Regional Medical Center, formerly Druid
13 City Hospital, on celebrating its 90th Anniversary; and

14 WHEREAS, when the hospital opened its doors on March
15 28, 1923, on University Boulevard, the facility served 50
16 patients; and

17 WHEREAS, by World War II, 20 years later, the
18 population of Tuscaloosa had significantly outgrown the
19 initial Druid City Hospital, which continued to expand and add
20 new components to provide high quality health care; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1946, the private, nonprofit board
22 turned DCH over to the City and County of Tuscaloosa, and a
23 nine-member Board of Directors was created to lead the
24 hospital, with members appointed by the local government;
25 additional property was acquired and plans were put into
26 motion for new construction; and

1 WHEREAS, a new 240-bed hospital opened in December
2 1952 with four major operating rooms and the state's first
3 surgical recovery room; and

4 WHEREAS, DCH continued to grow to keep pace with its
5 role as a regional medical center serving a seven-county area
6 of more than 220,000 people, and the opening of a new
7 five-story wing in 1976 made DCH the state's third largest
8 hospital; and

9 WHEREAS, as a regional medical center, DCH attracted
10 physician specialists and constructed a number of specialty
11 units, including an intensive care nursery, coronary and
12 intensive care units, subintensive care units, open-heart
13 surgery, an orthopedic unit, a pediatric unit, and a
14 state-of-the-art cancer center; and

15 WHEREAS, the vital role performed by the hospital
16 was never more evident than in the aftermath of the
17 devastating tornado outbreak of April 2011, when countless
18 individuals received care; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2012, the hospital served more than
20 23,000 admitted patients, and 1,723 babies were born; and

21 WHEREAS, through the years, DCH Regional Medical
22 Center has been the lifeblood of the Tuscaloosa area,
23 sustained by dedicated volunteers and staffed by expert
24 professionals; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
26 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That it is a privilege to honor
27 and commend the DCH Regional Medical Center, and this

1 resolution is offered with heartiest congratulations on
2 celebrating its 90th Anniversary and with best wishes for the
3 future.