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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring the 100th anniversary
2 of Methodist Hospital of Gary, Indiana.

3 *Whereas, Margaret Pritchard, a registered nurse who served*
4 *in South Africa's Boer War, established the nursing*
5 *school-turned-hospital in Gary, Indiana, in 1911. In May 1923,*
6 *the new building opened under the name "Methodist Episcopal*
7 *Hospital". It was dedicated by Bishop Frederick D. Leet;*

8 *Whereas, In its first full year, Methodist Hospital saw 2,087*
9 *patients admitted, 299 babies born, and 1,115 operations*
10 *performed;*

11 *Whereas, In 1942, the hospital separated from the Methodist*
12 *Hospital Board in Indianapolis, becoming "The Methodist*
13 *Hospital of Gary, Inc.";*

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1 *Whereas, During the polio epidemic of the 1940s and 1950s,*
2 *The Methodist Hospital of Gary was the only local hospital to*
3 *accept polio patients;*

4 *Whereas, Methodist was the first hospital in Lake County to*
5 *have a physical therapy department and offered the first*
6 *psychiatric unit;*

7 *Whereas, In June 1967, the Methodist Hospital School of*
8 *Nursing graduated its last class, and had trained over 700*
9 *registered nurses since the 1923 opening;*

10 *Whereas, The Broadway Methodist opened December 13,*
11 *1975. The hospitals established themselves as a single entity in*
12 *1981, comprising of the Northlake Campus in Gary and the*
13 *Southlake Campus in Merrillville. The Midlake Campus would*
14 *join this entity in 2003;*

15 *Whereas, The first Gamma Knife Center in Northwest*
16 *Indiana opened at the Southlake Campus in 2003, becoming*
17 *one of two hospitals in the state to have this sophisticated piece*
18 *of machinery. It was also the first hospital in Northwest Indiana*
19 *with flat panel biplane technology, which is the gold standard*
20 *for stroke treatment and neurovascular intervention;*

21 *Whereas, Methodist Hospital's Heart and Vascular Institute*
22 *has had full accreditation as a chest pain center since 2015,*
23 *and it has been accredited as a comprehensive cancer program*
24 *since 1973, received Magnet recognition for nursing*
25 *excellence, and earned MBSAQIP full accreditation for its*
26 *bariatric surgery program in 2023;*

27 *Whereas, The Methodist Hospital of Gary, Indiana, has*
28 *always been a leader and pioneer in the medical field since its*
29 *formation in 1923; and*

30 *Whereas, The Methodist Hospital has been providing*
31 *exemplary healthcare service to the people of Northwest*
32 *Indiana for 100 years; Therefore,*

33 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
34 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
2 honors Methodist Hospital of Gary, Indiana, on its 100th
3 anniversary.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives shall transmit copies of the resolution to the
6 office of State Representative Vernon Smith.

