

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 319

By Grills

A RESOLUTION to commend community efforts to reopen the cardiac catheterization laboratory at West Tennessee Healthcare Dyersburg Hospital.

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2020, it was announced that West Tennessee Healthcare Dyersburg Hospital would suspend the operation of its cardiac catheterization laboratory, effective April 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, West Tennessee Healthcare Dyersburg Hospital is a 225-bed acute care facility staffed by more than 100 healthcare professionals that offers a range of medical, diagnostic, and surgical services, including twenty-four-hour emergency care, an intensive care unit, and a renovated obstetrics unit; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the cardiac catheterization laboratory at West Tennessee Healthcare Dyersburg Hospital treated 1,395 patients in Dyer, Lake, Obion, and Lauderdale counties and Southeast Missouri; and

WHEREAS, having a fully operational cardiac catheterization laboratory is not only critical to the health and well-being of the citizens of Northwest Tennessee, but it can be a matter of life and death, as several lives have been saved and families have been rewarded with more days with their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, with the expansion of Blue Oval City and the Port of Cates Landing, the development of Northwest Tennessee is a reality. Healthcare procedural needs are paramount for future development; and

WHEREAS, the West Tennessee Healthcare Dyersburg Hospital cardiac catheterization laboratory is a vital tool in the diagnosis and treatment of heart disease that can save the lives

of citizens in Northwest Tennessee, and these citizens feel it is imperative that the laboratory reopen immediately; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend community efforts to reopen the cardiac catheterization laboratory at West Tennessee Healthcare Dyersburg Hospital.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.