

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 668

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate the month of February 2022 as "St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, cancer is diagnosed each year in approximately 400,000 children and adolescents ages nineteen and under worldwide; and

WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between the ages of one and fourteen; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer affects all ethnic groups, socioeconomic classes, and geographical regions; and

WHEREAS, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, located in the heart of Memphis, is internationally recognized for its pioneering research and treatment of children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases; and

WHEREAS, St. Jude was founded in 1962 by the late entertainer Danny Thomas and became pivotal in one of the great success stories in modern medicine—transforming the most common form of childhood cancer from a virtual death sentence into a treatable disease; and

WHEREAS, treatments developed at St. Jude have helped push the overall survival rate for childhood cancer from twenty percent when the hospital opened in 1962 to more than eighty percent today in the United States; and

WHEREAS, St. Jude freely shares the breakthroughs it makes with researchers around the world; and

WHEREAS, through the establishment of St. Jude Global, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is extending its mission to improve the survival rates of children with cancer and other

catastrophic diseases worldwide through the sharing of knowledge, technology, and organizational skills; and

WHEREAS, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is a leader in understanding the long-term effects of childhood cancer treatment and pursuing improved treatments that ensure the best possible quality of life for survivors; and

WHEREAS, in addition to pediatric cancer research, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is a leader in sickle cell disease research and a globally prominent research center for influenza; and

WHEREAS, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will celebrate its sixtieth anniversary on February 4, 2022; and

WHEREAS, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is a critical national and global resource and a point of great pride for the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commemorate February 2022 as "St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Month" in Tennessee and join with all Tennesseans in this worthy observance.

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.