

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 724

By Littleton

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend TriStar Horizon Medical Center on the occasion of its sixty-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is our privilege to recognize those premier medical facilities that have compassionately and capably served the citizens of this State for generations; and

WHEREAS, one such entity is TriStar Horizon Medical Center in Dickson, which recently celebrated its sixty-fifth anniversary, marking six and one-half decades of providing the highest-quality health care to all who cross its threshold; and

WHEREAS, the hospital traces its beginnings back to a tiny office above a storefront on Main Street, where L.C. Jackson, a young physician from South Pittsburgh, operated a one-room medical clinic; after the end of World War II, Dr. Jackson called upon his physician brothers, Drs. William and Jimmy Jackson, to assist him in meeting the increasing medical needs of the citizens of Dickson; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, the Jackson brothers built Goodlark Hospital, which grew to become Goodlark Regional Medical Center, one of the finest such facilities in the mid-state area; in 1995, the medical center was sold to Columbia HCA (now HCA Healthcare), at which time a new addition was built and the community selected the hospital's new moniker, Horizon Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the continued growth of the main campus, a satellite campus, named Natchez Medical Park, was opened on sixty-eight acres located south of I-40 on Highway 46; Natchez Imaging and Sarah Cannon Cancer Center opened in 2007, and in 2015, TriStar Natchez ER opened as a freestanding, state-of-the-art emergency room; and

WHEREAS, also in 2015, TriStar Horizon invested more than \$40 million into updates and modernizations to the main campus facilities, and two years later, it celebrated the opening of its neonatal intensive care unit, a \$1 million project that resulted in an enhanced level of care to new mothers and newborns; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the hospital opened the Joint Replacement and Orthopedic Center, and that same year at Natchez Medical Park, the Sarah Cannon Cancer Center made a significant enhancement to its oncology treatment program with the addition of a \$3.6 million linear accelerator; and

WHEREAS, in addition to \$30 million in facility improvements made between 2018 and 2022, TriStar Horizon also launched or completed projects totaling an additional \$30 million to expand access and improve patient care in 2022, which included the completion of a newly renovated cardiac catheterization lab, a 10,000-square-foot expansion of the Tennessee Oncology satellite office, and enhancements to wound care services, the inpatient rehabilitation unit, and imaging equipment; and

WHEREAS, ever committed to providing the best possible care to all patients, TriStar Horizon expects to open a new 15,000-square-foot, fourteen-bed intensive care unit in early 2024; and

WHEREAS, for the last sixty-five years, TriStar Horizon Medical Center has served the Dickson area with compassionate care that has been essential to the city's growth and the well-being of its citizens; 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 honor and commend TriStar Horizon Medical Center for sixty-five years of compassionate, dedicated service to the people of Dickson and this State, extending our best wishes for the institution's continued success in the future.

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.