

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 40

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A RESOLUTION to recognize the opening of the new Niswonger Children's Hospital.

WHEREAS, the Children's Hospital at Johnson City Medical Center has long been acclaimed for the excellence of medical services that it provides, excelling in its provision of care; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Hospital at Johnson City Medical Center worked with East Tennessee State University's James H. Quillin College of Medicine in 1992 to develop the region's first hospital for children; and

WHEREAS, the hospital has continued to serve the region through its premier children's health services for the past sixteen years, offering approximately twenty pediatric subspecialists, ranging from pediatric surgery to neonatology; and

WHEREAS, Niswonger Children's Hospital will be the new, state-of-the-art, home for the Children's Hospital at Johnson City Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the thirty-six million dollars required to build Niswonger Children's Hospital came from community members who gave generously of their resources in support of a noble cause, allowing for continued improvement of the services offered to the children in the region; and

WHEREAS, Scott and Nikki Niswonger of Greenville donated ten million dollars toward the construction of the new hospital; and

WHEREAS, Niswonger Children's Hospital will serve children from birth until eighteen years of age in a four-state region stretching from Tennessee and North Carolina to Virginia and Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the hospital will be guided by a Patient-Centered Care philosophy in which the family has control of the child's care; and

WHEREAS, the ribbon cutting for this exceptional facility will take place on February 26, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Niswonger Children's Hospital is designed to be a place where children will feel comfortable when they come for treatment, and it is the only facility of its kind in the region that offers top-quality care in such an innovative setting; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby join with the Tri-Cities community and the people of this great State to honor and recognize the opening of the new Niswonger Children's Hospital, gratefully recognizing the Children's Hospital at Johnson City Medical Center's service in the past and confidently declaring that it has found a wonderful home in this incredible new facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.