

SENATE RESOLUTION 8006 of the Second Extraordinary Session

By Niceley

A RESOLUTION to honor the East Tennessee State University College of Nursing Hancock County School-Based Clinics upon the occasion of their twenty-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is our privilege to recognize those venerable medical professionals and their endeavors that seek to provide quality health care to the residents of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such esteemed program is the East Tennessee State University (ETSU) College of Nursing Hancock County School-Based Clinics in Sneedville, which is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, the origins of this tremendous program date back to 1991, when the ETSU College of Nursing was asked to participate in an in-depth community-needs assessment of Hancock County, a rural county and one of the poorest in Tennessee, in partnership with the First Tennessee Community Health Agency and the Hancock County Health Council; and

WHEREAS, the ETSU College of Nursing received federal funding in 1994 through a school health initiative grant, entitled Project Reachout, in collaboration with the Area Agency on Aging, the Rural Health Consortium, the Hancock County Public Health Department, and the Nolichucky Mental Health Agency to implement areas of need from the community assessment; and

WHEREAS, a school-based clinic was identified as meeting the need for pediatric physical examinations, developmental screening, health promotion and disease prevention programs, mental health counseling, laboratory testing, and referrals and follow-ups; and

WHEREAS, the first school-based clinic opened in August 1995 with a nurse practitioner available five days per week; federal funding continued to support the Hancock County School-

Based Clinics beginning in 2001 with \$158,715 in HRSA, Bureau of Primary Health Care funding for two years to provide funding for the Hancock County High School Network; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, \$206,000 of federal funding was secured for one year to support the Hancock County Elementary School-Based Clinic; and

WHEREAS, the clinics have also received funding and assistance from the Hancock County Board of Education; numerous times, repairs needed by either site have utilized in-kind labor provided by faculty and students from the educational courses of the schools. An additional federal grant of \$100,000 was obtained in 2019 to provide needed renovations to the Hancock County Elementary School clinic; and

WHEREAS, the ETSU College of Nursing Hancock County School-Based Clinics are an estimable example of the virtues of hard work, cooperation, compassion, and dedication; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and congratulate the East Tennessee State University College of Nursing Hancock County School-Based Clinics on the occasion of their twenty-fifth anniversary, extending our best wishes for 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.