THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JULY
    24, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the May 2, 2009, opening of the Children's Hospital
2   of Pittsburgh of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
3   in the Lawrenceville neighborhood of the City of Pittsburgh.

4   WHEREAS, The Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of the

5 University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) is the only

6 hospital in western Pennsylvania devoted exclusively to the care

7 of infants and children; and

8   WHEREAS, The Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC cares

9 for about 600,000 patients each year, with more than 40%

10 receiving medical assistance; and

11   WHEREAS, The Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC is

12 enhancing the economic viability of the City of Pittsburgh,

13 Allegheny County and western Pennsylvania with the creation of

14 new, full-time jobs in the hospital and existing or start-up

1 research companies; and

2 WHEREAS, The Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC is an

3 integrated wireless hospital, systematically ensuring rigorous

4 oversight and patient safety; and

5 WHEREAS, The Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC is one

6 of only seven pediatric hospitals to achieve a Top Hospital

7 ranking in 2008 in patient safety by the Leapfrog Group; and

8 WHEREAS, The Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC is

9 named consistently to elite lists of pediatric health care

10 facilities; and

11 WHEREAS, The Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC was

12 selected by the National Institutes of Health as a center for

13 excellence for training the nation's future pediatric leaders in

14 pediatric research; and

15 WHEREAS, The Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC has

16 one of this nation's fastest growing pediatric research

17 programs; and

18 WHEREAS, The Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC was

19 ranked eighth among children's hospitals in 2006 in funding

20 provided by the National Institutes of Health; and

21 WHEREAS, The Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC is an

22 environmentally sustainable pediatric center; and

23 WHEREAS, The Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC's

24 transplantation program, the nation's first, performs more

25 transplants and more kinds of transplants with the highest

26 survival rates nationwide; and

27 WHEREAS, The Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC

28 educates and trains 240 future pediatricians each year; and

29 WHEREAS, The Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC's

30 health care professionals are specifically trained to address

1 the unique needs of sick and injured children; and

2 WHEREAS, The Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC offers

3 its expertise and promotes community-wide programs at locations

4 throughout western Pennsylvania; and

5 WHEREAS, The Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC

6 enhances the patient and family experience through

7 transformation; and

8 WHEREAS, The Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC is

9 where patients and their families find strength, energy and hope

10 for a promising future; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend the

12 Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of the University of

13 Pittsburgh Medical Center, a nationally and internationally

14 renowned pediatric center, for its outstanding clinical

15 services, medical education and research programs in its new

16 location in the Lawrenceville neighborhood of the City of

17 Pittsburgh.