**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LEXINGTON MEDICAL CENTER ON THE OCCASION OF THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING, AND TO EXPRESS DEEP GRATITUDE FOR THE SERVICE IT PROVIDES THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were pleased to learn that Lexington Medical Center is celebrating the fortieth anniversary of its founding; and

Whereas, built on land donated by a West Columbia woman, Lexington Medical Center opened its doors under the leadership of veteran hospital administrator George Lentz on January 6, 1971; and

Whereas, originally offering 125 beds and staffed with 250 employees, Lexington Medical Center has emerged into one of the most technologically advanced hospitals in the State. Today it features 414 beds and is staffed by 5,200 employees, serving as the largest employer in Lexington County; and

Whereas, a crowning achievement in the growth of Lexington Medical Center and the broad array of services it makes available came in June 2010 when it received regulatory approval to provide open heart surgery and therapeutic catheterizations; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the tremendous contributions that Lexington Medical Center has made and continues to make to provide first‑class medical care to citizens of the Palmetto State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, recognize and honor Lexington Medical Center on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of its founding, and express deep gratitude for the service it provides the citizens of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Lexington Medical Center.

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