

SR-131, As Adopted by Senate, March 25, 2010

Senator Cassis offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 131.

A resolution celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Providence Hospital.

Whereas, The House of Providence was established in 1869 as a safe house, as well as a maternity hospital for unwed mothers and orphans. On April 10, 1910, Providence Hospital paved the way for the creation of a general medical servicing hospital located in Detroit. The building housed both the safe house and hospital until 1953 when the unwed mothers moved to a new location; and

Whereas, In 1955, Chairman Richard Krafre announced the purchase of 22 acres on 9 Mile Road, west of Greenfield Road. Construction commenced on October 28, 1962, and upon completion, the building was dedicated by then-Archbishop John Dearden on March 6, 1965. A designated moving day was set for March 31 of that year, and for five consecutive hours with only five ambulances, all 88 patients were transported to the new Southfield location. This improvement created a residential growth in the southern part of Oakland County. The hospital opened the Providence School of Nursing that served the surrounding communities until the last class graduated in 1975. In 2002, a legislative amendment sponsored by then-Representative Nancy Cassis allowed hospitals to transfer up to one-third of their unused beds to growing communities that were in desperate need of accessible, quality health care. This amendment paved the way for Providence Hospital to build a new hospital, which was one of the first new hospitals to be built in southeast Michigan in 20 years. After a three-year construction process, Providence Park Hospital-Novi opened its doors in August 2008; and

Whereas, Providence Hospital has been a part of many medical firsts in both the region and the United States. The hospital has served as the area's first Joslin Diabetes Center, as well as one of the first in the United States to begin a study to treat patients with aneurysm coils, which are designed to prevent recurring brain aneurysms. Providence Hospital was also the first in southeast Michigan to offer a brain stent approved by the FDA; and

Whereas, As a leader, Providence Hospital has accomplished a tremendous amount of milestones in its 100 years, including distinguishing itself as a leader and ranking as one of the top 100 cardiovascular hospitals in the United States through its advanced heart and vascular management in the Cardiovascular Care Department; a large number of its physicians recognized by *Hour Detroit* magazine as Top Docs; awards for joint replacement as well as a primary stroke certification from Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO); designated as Center of Excellence by Blue Cross/Blue Shield; and receiving the Governor's Award of Excellence for improving care in both the hospital and emergency room settings; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we join together with the numerous individuals who have been a part of the Providence Hospital family, as well as those who will benefit from the hospital in the future, in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Providence Hospital and the many accomplishments of this hospital and its staff; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the outstanding people of Providence Hospital as a token of our esteem.