

House Resolution No. 2767

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State service-oriented organizations which are dedicated to improving the quality of life for residents in surrounding neighborhoods, communities, and states; and

Whereas, on May 15, 2003, a kickoff celebration will be held to initiate a renovation project designed to ready facilities for the new Children's Mercy Northland pediatric center in Kansas City; and

Whereas, an important component of the overall Children's Mercy Hospital facilities, programs, and services, Children's Mercy Northland will emphasize pediatric outpatient specialty and subspecialty facilities and a pediatric after-hours urgent care center; and

Whereas, scheduled for opening in the Fall of 2003, Children's Mercy Northland will be staffed by Children's Mercy Hospital physicians and community pediatricians and will feature laboratory and radiology services in a child- and family-friendly environment located for easy access for Northland children and families; and

Whereas, Children's Mercy Northland is an extension of Children's Mercy Hospital which has distinguished itself down through the years since its establishment in 1897 as a one-bed facility staffed by two sisters, one trained as a surgeon and one trained as a dentist; and

Whereas, Children's Mercy Hospital serves children from birth to eighteen years of age in the eighteen county area around Kansas City and even beyond as the only freestanding children's hospital between St. Louis, Denver, Omaha, and Little Rock; and

Whereas, Children's Mercy Hospital provides its invaluable services and follows its unique vision under the astute leadership of President and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Rand O'Donnell:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the establishment of Children's Mercy Northland and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for unparalleled success in the renovation, preparation, and opening of the much-needed new out-patient and urgent care structure; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Children's Mercy Northland facility in Kansas City.

Offered by _____
 Representative Philip Willoughby
 District No. 33

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2767, adopted May 9, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker