

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 729

By White

A RESOLUTION to honor National HealthCare Corporation on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, National HealthCare Corporation (NHC) is recognized nationwide as an innovator in the delivery of quality senior care and is the nation's oldest publicly traded senior healthcare company; and

WHEREAS, NHC was founded on July 23, 1971, by Dr. Carl Adams in Murfreesboro; he had a vision to provide higher quality healthcare services for seniors. His dream was to create a campus concept that offered in-house services for patients as they aged with different needs; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, NHC began employing full-time RNs as Directors of Nursing in the healthcare centers, and, one year later, it developed the first computerized patient assessment system in the United States and started providing therapy services to patients, with emphasis on rehabilitation and returning home; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, NHC started providing HomeCare services and began its Administrator-in-Training (AIT) program, and 1981 saw the company launch the first dietetic internship program in long-term care in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, NHC founded The Foundation for Geriatric Education (TFGE), a nonprofit organization dedicated to funding educational opportunities for individuals to work in the long-term care profession; and

WHEREAS, NHC became a publicly traded company on the American Stock Exchange in 1983 and moved into its current home office at City Center at 100 East Vine Street in Murfreesboro six years later; and

WHEREAS, NHC began its Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) recognition banquets in 1994 and began providing hospice services through a partnership with Caris HealthCare in 2003; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, NHC launched "The Better Way," an innovative approach to promote customer satisfaction throughout the company; and

WHEREAS, NHC started the first accredited physical therapy geriatric residency program approved by the American Physical Therapy Association in 2009; and

WHEREAS, NHC was recognized by NRC Health as number one in Customer Satisfaction in 2020, as reflected in patient and family satisfaction surveys, and number two in Partner (Employee) Satisfaction, as reflected in partner satisfaction surveys; and

WHEREAS, NHC is currently the largest skilled nursing provider in Tennessee and also has operations in South Carolina, Missouri, Alabama, Kentucky, Virginia, Georgia, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, NHC currently operates seventy-five healthcare centers, consisting of over 9,400 beds, and employs nearly 15,000 partners; it also operates twenty-four assisted living communities, five independent living communities, one behavioral health hospital, and thirty-five homecare programs; and

WHEREAS, NHC's other services include Alzheimer's and memory care units, hospice, pharmacy, a rehabilitation company, and management and accounting to third-party, post-acute operators; and

WHEREAS, NHC has been an active supporter of the Alzheimer's Association and local Walks to End Alzheimer's events. Through 2020, NHC has donated more than \$1,900,000 to this cause; and

WHEREAS, NHC's mission statement is "NHC is committed to being the senior care leader in customer and investor satisfaction."; and

WHEREAS, NHC's slogan is "Caring in a Better Way, Day by Day," and its motto is "Care is Our Business"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor National HealthCare Corporation on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary and extend our best wishes for much continued success in its future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.