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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to congratulate the RUSH University System for Health and the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center on the occasion of their collaboration to create the RUSH MD Anderson Cancer Center in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society projects that in the coming year, almost 5,500 people will be diagnosed with cancer every day, the first time new cases of cancer in the United States are expected to cross the 2-million mark; and

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WHEREAS, More than 1,600 people will likely die from cancer in the U.S. each day; and

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WHEREAS, More than 70,000 Illinois residents will likely be among those diagnosed with cancer in the next year; and

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WHEREAS, Unacceptable racial inequities exist in cancer mortality and must be addressed; and

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WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society also projects that the number of cancer survivors in the United States is projected to increase to 22.5 million by 2032, representing 5.4% of the population; and

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1 WHEREAS, One of the leading reasons that more people are
2 surviving cancer is years of public and private investment in
3 developing cutting edge cancer fighting drugs, therapies, and
4 techniques; and

5 WHEREAS, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer
6 Center, which focuses exclusively on cancer and has been named
7 one of the top two hospitals in cancer care every year since
8 U.S. News & World Report began its annual rankings list
9 "America's Best Hospitals" in 1990, plays a vital role in
10 developing and delivering these new therapies and techniques;
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12 WHEREAS, The RUSH University System for Health
13 consistently ranks among the top performers nationally in
14 every major hospital rating system, including its very highly
15 ranked cancer program; and

16 WHEREAS, The RUSH University System for Health is a
17 national leader in establishing health equity as a system
18 priority, ensuring accessibility to advanced treatments and
19 therapies for cancer that leaves no one behind; and

20 WHEREAS, The RUSH University System for Health's high
21 national rankings are driven by constantly improving patient

1 care, and the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
2 has a highly selective national partnership program; and

3 WHEREAS, On April 26, 2024, the RUSH University System for
4 Health and the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
5 announced the creation of the RUSH MD Anderson Cancer Center
6 to provide Illinois residents with greater access to cancer
7 treatments and research considered among the best in the
8 world; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the
11 RUSH University System for Health and the University of Texas
12 MD Anderson Cancer Center on their collaboration in
13 establishing the RUSH MD Anderson Cancer Center in Chicago to
14 enhance access to the most advanced cancer treatments and to
15 seek to address the persistent inequities in cancer care in
16 Illinois and across the nation; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the RUSH University System for Health as an
19 expression of our esteem and respect.