

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 447

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Vanderbilt LifeFlight on the occasion of its thirty-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, Vanderbilt LifeFlight is the critical care air and ground medical transport service of Vanderbilt University Medical Center that supports the Level 1 Trauma Center; and

WHEREAS, the LifeFlight program provides the highest level of care possible in the safest manner to the people of its service area while also striving to provide quality education to its colleagues in the field of emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the Vanderbilt LifeFlight program began operations on July 5, 1984, with one Bell 206 Long Range helicopter; and

WHEREAS, today, LifeFlight has expanded to nine helicopters, one airplane, and nine ground ambulances, with helicopter bases in Lebanon, Clarksville, Mt. Pleasant, Tullahoma, Murfreesboro, Henry County, Cookeville, and Humboldt; and

WHEREAS, Vanderbilt LifeFlight averages more than 3,000 flights per year serving Middle Tennessee and parts of West and East Tennessee, utilizing a critical care nurse/critical care paramedic team; and

WHEREAS, LifeFlight also provides emergency medical care and coverage to millions of people each year at special events as part of its Event Medicine division, including those held at Bridgestone Arena, Vanderbilt University, Belmont University, Ascend Amphitheater, First Tennessee Park/Nashville Sounds, and the Nashville Soccer Club; and

WHEREAS, LifeFlight serves as the Regional Medical Communications Center for Middle Tennessee and assists in disaster planning and coordination; and

WHEREAS, LifeFlight regularly trains more than 3,800 emergency care providers, including first responders, EMTs, AEMTs, paramedics, critical care paramedics, police officers, firefighters, 911 communicators, emergency nurses, and physicians; and

WHEREAS, Vanderbilt LifeFlight is nationally recognized as a leader in patient care and safety and was the first program in Tennessee to receive accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems (CAMTS); and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that this General Assembly recognize the commitment, dedication, and valuable services of the men and women of Vanderbilt LifeFlight on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Vanderbilt LifeFlight on the occasion of its thirty-fifth anniversary, commend its exemplary service to the State of Tennessee, and extend our best wishes for much continued success in all 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.