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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48

BY SENATOR LONG

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HEALTH CARE. Provides for legislative approval of and support to the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University for the strategic collaboration with the state in creating a new model of health care delivery in the Alexandria and Pineville area.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

## 2 To provide for legislative approval of and to express support to the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University for the strategic collaboration with the state relating to the 3 closure of Huey P. Long Medical Center to facilitate a new model of health care 4 5 delivery in the Alexandria and Pineville area. 6 WHEREAS, a sudden reduction in federal funding for the Louisiana Medicaid 7 program was included in a sweeping transportation bill passed by the United States Congress 8 and signed into law on July 6, 2012, and resulted in a net decrease of over eight hundred fifty 9 million dollars in the Medicaid budget for the current state fiscal year; and 10 WHEREAS, pursuant to this dramatic cut to Medicaid funding, the Department of 11 Health and Hospitals (DHH) is addressing the shortfall by eliminating funding for state hospitals operated by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and 12 13 Agricultural and Mechanical College (LSU); and WHEREAS, DHH has led the development of public-private partnerships for the 14 delivery of health services at LSU hospital facilities by private healthcare enterprises, with 15 16 the terms and conditions for such service delivery to be set forth in cooperative endeavor agreements among the state, LSU, and private providers; and 17 WHEREAS, the state, LSU, CHRISTUS St. Francis Cabrini Medical Center and 18

| 1  | Rapides Regional Medical Center have entered into a cooperative endeavor agreement to         |
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| 2  | formalize a collaboration to improve access to health care for citizens in the Alexandria and |
| 3  | Pineville area; and   |
| 4  | WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes the need to maintain and continue proper                  |
| 5  | health care in the Alexandria and Pineville area, including inpatient, emergency and          |
| 6  | outpatient care; and  |
| 7  | WHEREAS, the Huey P. Long Medical Center currently maintains and operates                     |
| 8  | hospital beds for inpatient care and an active emergency department; and                      |
| 9  | WHEREAS, the cooperative endeavor agreement includes a provision to cease                     |
| 10 | inpatient care and emergency department services at the Huey P. Long Medical Center in        |
| 11 | Pineville, Louisiana, which is currently operated by LSU; and                                 |
| 12 | WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes, and the cooperative endeavor agreement will              |
| 13 | provide, that the inpatient and emergency department care currently provided at the Huey      |
| 14 | P. Long Medical Center will be provided by CHRISTUS St. Francis Cabrini Medical Center        |
| 15 | and Rapides Regional Medical Center; and  |
| 16 | WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes, and the cooperative endeavor agreement will              |
| 17 | provide, that the outpatient services currently provided at the Huey P. Long Medical Center   |
| 18 | are being transferred to the new outpatient clinics provided by CHRISTUS St. Francis          |
| 19 | Cabrini Medical Center and Rapides Regional Medical Center; and                               |
| 20 | WHEREAS, in accordance with the cooperative endeavor agreement, CHRISTUS                      |
| 21 | St. Frances Cabrini Medical Center and Rapides Regional Medical Center have increased         |
| 22 | access to healthcare services available in the Alexandria and Pineville region since          |
| 23 | December 2013; and  |
| 24 | WHEREAS, in December 2013, CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Medical Center                        |
| 25 | opened a new Medical Clinic, Coumadin Clinic, Cardiology Clinic and Pharmacy in               |
| 26 | Alexandria to meet regional outpatient clinical needs; and                                    |
| 27 | WHEREAS, in December 2013, CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Medical Center                        |
| 28 | opened a new eighteen bed inpatient psychiatric patient unit in Alexandria to meet the needs  |
| 29 | of the Alexandria and Pineville region; and   |
| 30 | WHEREAS, in December 2013, Rapides Regional Medical Center opened an Urgent                   |

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| 1  | Care and Pharmacy Services Clinic in Alexandria; and   |
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| 2  | WHEREAS, in January 2014, CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Medical Center                        |
| 3  | opened a Gynecology Clinic in collaboration with Tulane University, a Pediatric Clinic and   |
| 4  | a General Surgery/Orthopedic Clinic in Alexandria; and                                       |
| 5  | WHEREAS, in January 2014, Rapides Regional Medical Center opened an Urgent                   |
| 6  | Care and Multispecialty Clinic on the current Pineville Huey P. Long Medical Center          |
| 7  | campus; and  |
| 8  | WHEREAS, CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Medical Center, Rapides Regional                       |
| 9  | Medical Center and Huey P. Long Medical Center leadership have worked in collaboration       |
| 10 | since October 2013 to ensure patient healthcare needs are met during this transition and in  |
| 11 | the future; and  |
| 12 | WHEREAS, CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Medical Center, Rapides Regional                       |
| 13 | Medical Center, and Huey P. Long Medical Center leadership have provided coordinated         |
| 14 | community outreach through multiple patient notification letters, resource map guides which  |
| 15 | are updated monthly, community HELP line, and several community meetings; and                |
| 16 | WHEREAS, CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Medical Center and Rapides Regional                    |
| 17 | Medical Center have committed to operating transitional clinics, which are currently open,   |
| 18 | and building three permanent outpatient clinics, on which construction has already begun;    |
| 19 | and  |
| 20 | WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes that the closure of the inpatient beds and the           |
| 21 | emergency department services at Huey P. Long Medical Center requires authorization by       |
| 22 | the legislature through a concurrent resolution, pursuant to R.S. 17:1518.1(F).              |
| 23 | THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby                      |
| 24 | express its approval of and support for the actions of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana |
| 25 | State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College with regard to the delivery of      |
| 26 | healthcare services in the Alexandria and Pineville region.                                  |
| 27 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the continuing interest of patient safety, the                |
| 28 | Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its approval of and support for the closure of  |
| 29 | the inpatient beds and the emergency department at the Huey P. Long Medical Center.          |
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature expresses its appreciation for the

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physicians, healthcare professionals, and staff of the Huey P. Long Medical Center who have served the residents of the Alexandria and Pineville communities with dignity and caring since 1938.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LSU Board of Supervisors and the Division of Administration continue to work with the Central Louisiana Legislative Delegation to find the appropriate future use for the Huey P. Long facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution constitutes legislative approval, in accordance with the requirements of R.S. 17:1518.1(F), for the closure of the inpatient beds and the emergency department at the Huey P. Long Medical Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the governor, the commissioner of administration, the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, and the chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

DIGEST

Long SCR No. 48

Expresses the legislative approval of and support to the Board of Supervisors of LSU for the strategic collaboration with the state relating to the closure of Huey P. Long Medical Center to facilitate a new model of health care delivery in the Alexandria and Pineville area.