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HOUSE RESOLUTION 852

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April 15, 2015

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF HOSPICE CARE,
2 WHILE HONORING THE MEMORY OF JEAN MOULTHROP HOOGSTRA FOR HER
3 ROLE IN DEVELOPING HOSPICE CARE IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA.

4 Whereas, the origin of the word "hospice" can be traced to medieval times when it
5 referred to a place where tired or sick travelers could find shelter to rest; and

6 Whereas, the term was first applied to specialized care for dying patients by Dame
7 Cicely Saunders, a physician who began working with the terminally ill in 1948, and who went
8 on to establish the first modern hospice, known as St. Christopher's Hospice, in London; and

9 Whereas, in 1963, Dame Cicely Saunders introduced the idea of hospice to the
10 United States during a lecture at Yale University; and

11 Whereas, by the mid-1970s, two hospices were operating in the United States; and

12 Whereas, hospice organizations emphasize quality of life to the terminally ill by
13 providing physical, emotional, and spiritual support to patients and their families; and

14 Whereas, in 1979, Jean Moulthrop Hoogstra of Hendersonville, North Carolina,
15 learned of St. Christopher's Hospice and, soon after, with the help of Dr. John Esse, organized a
16 committee of members from the community representing medical, legal, religious, and other
17 professions to explore the concept of developing a hospice facility for western North Carolina;
18 and

19 Whereas, in December of 1979, Hospice of Henderson County was incorporated as
20 a nonprofit organization with the following members serving as either officers or members of
21 the Board of Directors: Jean Moulthrop Hoogstra, Claire Burson, Miriam Kussrow, Lex
22 Veazey, Dr. Jerald Pyles, Joyce Coates, Wendy Goodwin, Sudi Hicks, Ray McCaslin, Chaplain
23 David Prest, Wanda Wolfe, Jane Zecher, and Reverend Richard Randolph; and

24 Whereas, Hospice of Henderson County also had a number of consultants, advisors,
25 and volunteers who offered tremendous support in getting the organization started and
26 furthering its mission; and

27 Whereas, Hospice of Henderson County received "seed money" from Immaculate
28 Conception Church and St. John in the Wilderness Church; and

29 Whereas, a very generous donation from Melvin and Georgiana Lane through the
30 "Venture in Mission" program of the Episcopal Diocese provided the funds necessary for
31 Hospice of Henderson County to start patient care and enabled the organization to move from
32 the home of Jean Moulthrop Hoogstra and Richard Moulthrop into donated space in the First
33 Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville, North Carolina; and

34 Whereas, Hospice of Henderson County served its first patient in 1981; and



1 Whereas, in April 1999, Hospice of Henderson County opened Elizabeth House, a
2 12-bed inpatient hospice residence and, in 2007, expanded the facility to 19 beds; and

3 Whereas, in 2003, Hospice of Henderson County added a palliative care program
4 and, in 2005, became a nationally recognized clinical research department; and

5 Whereas, in 2009, Hospice of Henderson County was renamed Four Seasons
6 Compassion for Life, during which time, the organization received the prestigious Circle of
7 Life Award for its innovative care; and

8 Whereas, Jean Moulthrop Hoogstra worked for more than 30 years with Four
9 Seasons Compassion for Life, with the support of her husband, Richard Moulthrop, prior to his
10 death, and later husband, Don Hoogstra, both of whom served as volunteers with the agency;
11 and

12 Whereas, in 2011, Jean Moulthrop Hoogstra was awarded the Judith Lund Person
13 Hospice Volunteer Award by the Carolina Center for Hospice and End of Life Care; and

14 Whereas, prior to her death in 2012, Jean Moulthrop Hoogstra was proud to know
15 that Four Season Compassion for Life had served more than 10,000 patients and their families
16 and would continue to grow; Now, therefore,

17 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

18 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of Jean Moulthrop
19 Hoogstra and expresses its appreciation for her role in establishing a hospice facility to help
20 care for patients and their families in western North Carolina.

21 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives recognizes the valuable services
22 hospice facilities provide, and applauds Four Seasons Compassion for Life for its many years
23 of service.

24 **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
25 to the family of Jean Moulthrop Hoogstra and Four Seasons Compassion for Life.

26 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.