

House Concurrent Resolution No. 80

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CURTIS.

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WHEREAS, Barnes-Jewish Hospital serves the St. Louis metropolitan area; and

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3 **WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the Jewish Hospital of St. Louis states that the
4 hospital's object and purpose is to conduct, support, and manage a hospital for the purpose of
5 affording medical and surgical aid and care to sick or disabled persons, regardless of race or
6 creed; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the Jewish Hospital of St. Louis states that the
9 hospital's object and purpose is to furnish adequate medical social services to the patients of any
10 hospital, unit, division, institution, or agency it operates or maintains; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the Jewish Hospital of St. Louis states that the
13 hospital's object and purpose is to participate in the development of social and welfare and health
14 programs in the community; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals take the Hippocratic Oath
17 and swear to remember that they treat sick human beings, whose illness may affect the person's
18 family and economic stability, and their responsibility includes these related problems; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, Barnes-Jewish Hospital has closed several remote offices located in low-
21 income and minority neighborhoods; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, the residents of these neighborhoods now have to travel to seek medical
24 care, and some residents are unable to travel; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, some residents of these neighborhoods cannot afford primary care and seek
27 medical treatment in hospital emergency rooms out of necessity; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, Barnes-Jewish Hospital closed medical facilities in these neighborhoods
30 so that the residents have no emergency room nearby and are unable to seek any medical
31 treatment:

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33 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
34 Representatives of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
35 concurring therein, hereby disapprove of the actions taken by Barnes-Jewish Hospital to close
36 medical facilities in low-income and minority neighborhoods resulting in no viable medical
37 treatment for the residents of those neighborhoods; and

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39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Barnes-Jewish Hospital violated its own
40 constitution and the Hippocratic Oath by closing treatment facilities in low-income and minority
41 neighborhoods, by ending adequate medical social services in communities in need, and by
42 terminating its social welfare and health programs in communities; and

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44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
45 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for each
46 member of the board of directors of Barnes-Jewish Hospital and the following administrators of
47 the Barnes-Jewish Hospital administration: the president; the vice president of diversity,
48 inclusion, and equality; and the vice president of facilities and support services.

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