

IN THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT
OF UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
TRUMAN W. SMITH CHILDREN'S CARE CENTER-
GLADEWATER, TEXAS
(2023-01)

BE IT REMEMBERED at a meeting of Commissioners' Court of Upshur County, Texas, held on the 31st day of January, 2023, on motion made by GEWE DOLLE, Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, and seconded by DUSTIN NICHOLSON, Commissioner of Precinct No. 2, the following Resolution was adopted:

Truman W. Smith Children's Care Center

WHEREAS, the Truman W. Smith Children's Care Center located at 2200 West Upshur Avenue, Gladewater, Texas 75647 was established in 1989; and

WHEREAS, the said Truman W. Smith Children's Care Center is the only high-acuity pediatric long term care facility operated in the State of Texas and has a capacity of 120 patients; the Truman W. Smith Children's Care Center is designed and operated to serve medically fragile children, to-wit: approximately 33% of the patients at the Center have to be provided with artificial ventilation, 40% of the patients have tracheostomies, and 90% require nourishment from eating tubes; and

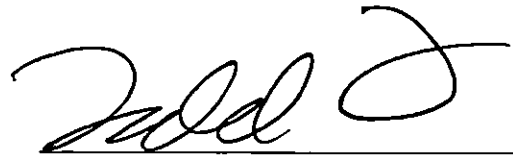
WHEREAS, the Truman W. Smith Children's Care Center employs approximately 190 associates to operate the facility and approximately 40% of said staff are registered nurses, licensed vocational nurses, and respiratory therapists; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner's Court of Upshur County, Texas supports any Texas legislation that will aid the Truman W. Smith Children's Care Center financially because the children in the care center have no place else to go, the Truman W. Smith Children's Care Center employs many of our Upshur County, Texas residents, and the viability of the Truman W. Smith Children's Care Center has a positive impact in this community; the Truman W. Smith Children's Care Center's annual payroll is approximately \$6,000,000.00 per year and it contributes over \$50,000.00 in local taxes.

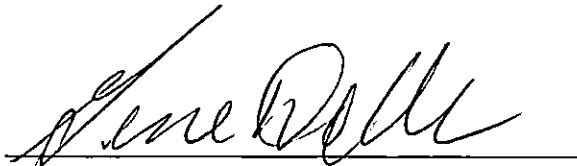
NOW, THEREFORE, the Upshur County Commissioner's Court does hereby resolve for the foregoing reasons that it is in the best interests of

Upshur County, Texas, our tax payers and our citizens to support and favor the passage of a pediatric long-term care access assurance program currently proffered by State Representative Jay Dean and others; this Court further urges the passing of any such described proposed legislation and calls on all other members of the State Legislature to support the passage of such legislation. Such legislation should be passed for the children, and for the positive economic impact the Truman W. Smith Children's Care Center provides for our local community.

RESOLVED by vote duly taken and record in the regularly called and noticed meeting of the Upshur County Commissioner's Court on the 31st day of January, 2023.



Todd Tefteller
Upshur County Judge



Gene Dolle,
Commissioner, Pct. 1



Michael Ashley,
Commissioner Pct. 3



Dustin Nicholson,
Commissioner, Pct. 2



Jay Miller,
Commissioner, Pct. 4