State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 668

By Representative Maggart

and

Senators Crowe, Faulk, Overbey, Roberts

A RESOLUTION to honor the Children's Hospital Alliance of Tennessee and designate February 2012 as "Tennessee Children's Hospital Appreciation Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Tennessee's children's hospitals provide the highest level of pediatric care and included among them are top-level teaching and research facilities, with members consistently ranked among the nation's best hospitals as reported by *U.S. News and World Report*; and

WHEREAS, members of the Children's Hospital Alliance of Tennessee (CHAT) have recently been selected to participate in a very select nationwide quality collaborative, with Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt serving as a regional hub; and

WHEREAS, Le Bonheur Children's Hospital has been awarded a Level 1 national trauma designation by the American College of Surgeons, making it the only hospital in Tennessee and some neighboring states to have this designation; and

WHEREAS, four of Tennessee's children's hospitals meet the highest standard possible in the state, being designated as comprehensive regional pediatric centers – East Tennessee Children's Hospital, Erlanger Children's Hospital, Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, and Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt; and

WHEREAS, Niswonger Children's Hospital provides expert, child-friendly services while serving as one of only six St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Affiliate Clinics in the nation; and

WHEREAS, CHAT member hospitals provide immediate, 24-hour-a-day care for critically ill or injured children, including outstanding specialty and subspecialty care for children from every county in the state; and

WHEREAS, CHAT member hospitals also provide essential outpatient clinic care to children from every Tennessee county; and

WHEREAS, CHAT member hospitals provide injury prevention services, leading classes and events on topics such as car seat safety, bicycle and toy safety, and more; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the Children's Hospital Alliance of Tennessee (CHAT) and designate February 2012 as "Tennessee Children's Hospital Appreciation Month" in recognition of the outstanding and essential services provided to the children of Tennessee by Tennessee's children's hospitals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 23, 2012

BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 27th day of February 2012

BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR