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**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To express support for the Proton Therapy Center at 1  
Cincinnati Children's Hospital and to urge that it be 2  
recognized by the National Cancer Institute as a 3  
Designated Cancer Center. 4

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, In August 2016, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, in 5  
conjunction with University of Cincinnati Medical Center and 6  
University of Cincinnati Physicians, opened a proton therapy 7  
center for the treatment of children and young adults with 8  
cancers and leukemias; and 9

WHEREAS, The Proton Therapy Center is a unique facility in 10  
that it is one of only two proton therapy centers in the United 11  
States owned by a children's hospital and has the nation's only 12  
"built-in" research center, including the only proton beam 13  
delivery system and treatment room fully dedicated to research, 14  
along with integrated laboratories; and 15

WHEREAS, The Proton Therapy Center will provide a new kind 16  
of focused radiation treatment that minimizes damage to areas 17

surrounding tumors by utilizing a beam of protons to irradiate 18  
diseased tissue with a more precise radiation dose when compared 19  
to traditional radiation; and 20

WHEREAS, According to experts within the Division of 21  
Oncology at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, proton therapy is 22  
likely to be better than current radiation approaches for more 23  
than seventy to eighty per cent of children with cancer and will 24  
reduce side effects and secondary cancers, improve long-term 25  
outcomes, and lead to new treatments and cures; and 26

WHEREAS, The Cancer Centers Program operated by the 27  
National Cancer Institute (NCI) of the National Institutes of 28  
Health designates health care facilities as cancer centers in 29  
recognition of their scientific leadership, resources, and the 30  
depth and breadth of their research in basic, clinical, and 31  
population science; and 32

WHEREAS, Grant funding to NCI-Designated Cancer Centers 33  
supports shared research resources, provides developmental funds 34  
to advance scientific goals, and fosters cancer programs that 35  
draw investigators from different disciplines together; and 36

WHEREAS, Each year, hundreds of thousands of patients 37  
receive cancer diagnoses and are treated for cancer at NCI- 38  
Designated Cancer Centers and thousands of patients are enrolled 39  
in cancer clinical trials at those facilities; and 40

WHEREAS, The rapid pace of discovery and the improved 41  
cancer treatments that NCI-Designated Cancer Centers have helped 42  
pioneer have contributed substantially to the increase in the 43  
number of cancer survivors throughout the country, as well as to 44  
the quality of their lives; now therefore be it 45

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General 46  
Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, 47  
express support for the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Proton 48

Therapy Center and urge that it be recognized by the National 49  
Cancer Institute as an NCI-Designated Cancer Center; and be it 50  
further 51

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 52  
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this resolution to the 53  
Director of the National Cancer Institute and to the news media 54  
of Ohio. 55