

By: Senator J. Scott

SENATE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES® FOR FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE IN IMPROVING THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AND DIRECTLY IMPACTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, Ronald McDonald House Charities® has been committed to supporting families when a child is seriously ill since the opening of the first Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1974; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities® to provide essential services that remove barriers, strengthen families, and promote healing when children need healthcare has positively impacted countless families around the world; and

WHEREAS, Ronald McDonald House Charities® has continued to create new ways to support families along their child's healthcare journey; and

WHEREAS, since 1974, McDonald's Corporation, its franchisees, and its



customers have collectively donated over one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) to help Ronald McDonald House Charities® serve millions of children and their families throughout the sixty-two (62) countries and regions in which it operates; and

WHEREAS, Ronald McDonald House Charities® has expanded to more than three hundred eighty-five (385) Ronald McDonald House programs, more than two hundred seventy (270) Ronald McDonald Family Room programs, and more than forty (40) Ronald McDonald Care Mobile programs; and

WHEREAS, six (6) Ronald McDonald House Charities® programs operate in Arkansas through one (1) Ronald McDonald House Charities® Chapter, providing direct support and comfort to three thousand five hundred eighteen (3,518) children and their families across the State of Arkansas annually; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 alone, McDonald's Corporation, along with its Arkansas franchisees and customers, raised more than nine hundred sixty-seven thousand dollars (\$967,000) for the local Arkansas Ronald McDonald House Charities® Chapter, which is equivalent to nine thousand six hundred seventy (9,670) overnight stays for families at Ronald McDonald House Charities® programs in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Ronald McDonald House Charities® remains dedicated to enhancing its programs and creating a world where all families have what they need to ensure the best health outcomes for their children,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate recognize Ronald McDonald House Charities® for fifty (50) years of service in improving the health and well-being of children and their families and directly impacting the local communities of the State of Arkansas.