

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1793

A RESOLUTION celebrating the 25th anniversary of Heart to Heart International.

WHEREAS, Heart to Heart International (HHI), a humanitarian organization located in Lenexa, Kansas, is celebrating 25 years of service to areas of need around the world; and

WHEREAS, HHI has responded to multiple humanitarian crises worldwide to help strengthen communities by improving access to health care, providing humanitarian development and administering crisis relief; and

WHEREAS, HHI began its mission in 1992 with an airlift to help people in Russia by distributing aid to 32 area hospitals and nine orphanages, which was the largest private humanitarian airlift at that time; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, HHI developed a partnership with the American Association of Family Physicians to create Physicians With Heart. The partnership conducted 20 airlifts throughout Europe and Vietnam and helped mobilize people and resources to improve health, provide medical education and foster the development of family medicine worldwide; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, HHI launched a partnership with FedEx, whose MD-11 plane was the first American plane to land in Hanoi since the end of the Southeast Asian conflict, and delivered 45 tons of supplies valued at \$7 million; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, HHI delivered \$12 million in aid to Calcutta, India, to help Mother Teresa and the Missionaries of Charity and also sent medical aid and products to various hospitals in Calcutta; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, The Goodwill Medical Airlift landed in the People's Republic of China with 36 tons of medicine and supplies worth \$6.2 million; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, HHI responded to the earthquake in Haiti and helped to hire, train and create Haitian leadership in the medical community to make a meaningful and lasting impact beyond the earthquake, resulting in HHI-trained Haitian medical teams to respond to the devastating effects of Hurricane Matthew in 2016; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, HHI responded to the Ebola crisis in Liberia by setting up and running an Ebola treatment unit as well as training administrators and teachers in the local school district on safe hygiene practices; and

WHEREAS, Starting in 2015, HHI has helped supply medicines, medical supplies, tents and hygiene kits to Syrian refugees; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its 25 years of service in 130 countries, HHI has shipped \$1.6 billion in total aid and has logged 1.1 million volunteer hours: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we celebrate the 25th anniversary of Heart to Heart International and commend them for providing vital health and humanitarian services to the most vulnerable and needy populations in order to help improve global health and welfare; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Sykes.

Senate Resolution No. 1793 was sponsored by Senator Dinah Sykes.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.