MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 19

Offered by Senators Singh, Chang and Geiss

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES®

WHEREAS, The mission of the Ronald McDonald Charities (RMHC) is to provide essential services that remove barriers, strengthen families, and promote healing when children need healthcare; and

WHEREAS, In October 1974, the first Ronald McDonald House opened its doors in Philadelphia and has since transformed into a network of over 385 Ronald McDonald Houses, 270 Family Room programs, and more than 40 Care Mobiles across the globe; and

WHEREAS, RMHC has five locations across Michigan, including Lansing, Detroit, Grand Rapids, and two in Ann Arbor, offering families a place to stay, enjoy hot meals, and support to families while their child is receiving care; and

WHEREAS, The Ronald McDonald Family Rooms allow families to rest and find comfort within the hospital where their child is receiving care; and

WHEREAS, Going beyond helping those at hospitals, RMHC takes their care to the communities in need with Care Mobiles, which provide dental care, medical diagnosis and treatment, as well as health education and resources to underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, RMHC provided 2.7 million overnight stays to families in 2023 alone, and fostered the creation of over 1,000 programs in 62 countries; and

WHEREAS, From October 2024 to October 2025, RMHC is celebrating 50 years since it opened its doors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Ronald McDonald House Charities® and all the work they have done to help those in need.

Adopted by the Senate, March 18, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate