

RESOLUTION

Adopted by the Advisory Committee
of Houston Negro Hospital

July 13, 1934

Houston Negro Hospital was incorporated under the laws of Texas on November 12, 1925 as a non-profit corporation for the purposes of acquiring, erecting, equipping, conducting, and maintaining on the broadest humanitarian principles, a hospital and training school for nurses. The City of Houston by resolution adopted by its City Council on January 25, 1926, set aside and assigned in perpetuity to Houston Negro Hospital and its uses a site in the Holman Addition in said city. Out of funds donated from private sources approximating \$120,000.00, a three story, fifty bed hospital was constructed, and later an adequate nurses' home. These buildings are properly equipped, and the hospital has and can maintain a capable medical staff. It makes minimum charges for services, and not being an endowed institution, it has felt severely, along with some other hospitals, the effects of the general depression. It has served, and is capable of serving in the future an exceedingly beneficial purpose in Houston, and it would be distressing if it were required to close.

It is general public information that the Jefferson Davis Hospital, where the City of Houston and the County of Harris undertake to provide charity hospital service for negro patients, has not sufficient facilities to take care of all such patients. It is also general public information that the City and County are at this time seeking to construct a new City-County hospital at which additional facilities will be provided to take care of negro charity patients, while at the same time the facilities now available at the Houston Negro Hospital, located on city property, are being currently used on an average of about twenty per cent of its capacity. The Houston Negro Hospital has heretofore tendered the use of its hospital facilities to the City of Houston and to the County of Harris at minimum charges of less than, or at certainly no greater than, the present cost to the City and the County at Jefferson Davis Hospital. To this date, such tender of facilities has not been accepted by either the City or the County.

The wisdom of the general policy of constructing a new City-County hospital in one central location without full survey of the subject of hospitalization, public and private, in this vicinity by some absolutely authoritative source; and the wisdom of the particular policy at this time of construct-

ing a new hospital unit, with facilities for negro charity patients, without using to the limit the idle facilities of Houston Negro Hospital presently available in Houston on public property, being both open to question; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing facts and conditions be brought to the attention of and laid before the Mayor and Council of the City of Houston, and the County Judge and Commissioners' Court of the County of Harris, as well as the public generally, with the specific request for prompt and appropriate consideration and action on these matters, to the end that the present available and paid-for facilities of the Houston Negro Hospital now operating in the City of Houston, be utilized to the fullest advantage, especially pending the present emergency need for additional facilities, and ultimately as a unit in any permanent program of City and County hospital facilities.