

A RESOLUTION
ADOPTED BY THE
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
MAY 6, 1982

WHEREAS, medical doctor education is a major concern of the Commission on Higher Education in discharging its responsibilities mandated by Act 410 of 1978 restructuring the Commission, said Act charging the Commission with the responsibility of making a complete and thorough study of all public institutions of higher learning, and upon completion write a Master Plan of public higher education; and

WHEREAS, the Commission met this responsibility by submitting said Master Plan to the General Assembly as required by Act 410 of 1978; and

WHEREAS, a "Concurrent Resolution to Express the General Assembly's Approval of the Principles Embodied in the South Carolina Master Plan for Higher Education ..." was approved by the Senate on April 1 and the House of Representatives on April 2, 1980; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan states that the USC School of Medicine should continue to place its major emphasis on the training of primary care physicians; and participation in specialty training programs, graduate biomedical degree programs, residency programs, and biomedical research programs should be coordinated with corresponding programs at the Medical University of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the historical record reveals that the University of South Carolina, the Veterans Administration and the General Assembly agreed originally that the substantial preexisting resources of the University would be utilized extensively for efficiency, cost containment, and quality, and that agreements with Richland Memorial Hospital, the Veterans Administration Hospital, and other clinical affiliations would preclude the necessity of building a university-owned and controlled teaching hospital; and,

WHEREAS, the South Carolina House of Representatives on April 27, 1982, adopted two provisos to the 1982-83 Appropriations Bill quoted below, relating to the Statewide Consortium of Community Teaching Hospitals and the affiliation agreement between Richland Memorial Hospital and the University of South Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, these provisos correspond to a direction in medical doctor education long advocated by this Commission;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Commission on Higher Education respectfully urges approval of the following two provisos by the South Carolina Senate:

"Provided, Further, That of the amounts appropriated for contractual services under Section 23, Subitem B of Item I (Medical School) a portion shall be used by the University of South Carolina by August 1, 1982, to accept full and equal partnership in the Consortium of Community Teaching Hospitals (Extramural Programs coordinated by the Medical University of South Carolina). The Consortium will serve to provide clinical education resources and programs for both the Medical University of South Carolina and the

University of South Carolina and their respective medical schools. In the event that a mutually satisfactory agreement is not reached between the University of South Carolina and the Consortium by August 1, 1982, the Commission on Higher Education will make final determinations concerning such agreement."

"Provided, Further, That of the amounts appropriated for contractual services under Section 23, Subitem B of Item I (Medical School) a portion shall be used for negotiations between the University of South Carolina and Richland Memorial Hospital to be continued with the objective of finalizing an affiliation agreement to take effect upon the expiration in 1984 of the present agreement in order to ensure that the primary clinical education requirements for the University of South Carolina School of Medicine can be met at Richland Memorial Hospital. In the event that a mutually satisfactory agreement cannot be reached between the University of South Carolina and Richland Memorial Hospital, the Commission on Higher Education will recommend an agreement. If this agreement is not accepted by both parties (the University of South Carolina and Richland Memorial Hospital), the Commission on Higher Education will report this impasse to the 1983 General Assembly."