

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1816

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Hospira manufacturing facility at McPherson.

WHEREAS, Hospira, Inc., a global specialty pharmaceutical and medication delivery company, recently announced an expansion of its McPherson facility. The \$50 million expansion will provide additional capacity for new Hospira drugs, accommodate growth of One 2 One, the company's pharmaceutical outsourcing business and increase production of its pharmaceutical injectables. Approximately 150,000 square feet of floor space will be created for office, laboratory and manufacturing use and will result in the creation of up to 172 additional well-paying jobs for the McPherson community; and

WHEREAS, The company's expansion is assisted in part by the Kansas Bioscience Authority's dedication of \$200,000 for a three-year program of financial aid to graduates of Kansas colleges and universities who will intern at Hospira; and

WHEREAS, The McPherson Hospira plant was established in 1977 on 160 acres originally owned and operated by Sterling Drug Company. It is the largest employer in McPherson and currently employs approximately 850 scientists, technicians and production workers. The plant makes various products used in health care institutions for pain management, respiratory care and cardiovascular care; and

WHEREAS, Hospira was created from the hospital products business of Abbott Laboratories in 2004. Although a new company, it has a history of 70 years providing products to the hospital industry. The company produces one of the industry's broadest range of generic acute-care injectables and is the leading American injectable manufacturing business: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend the Hospira company upon the expansion of its manufacturing facility at McPherson and wish it great success as it continues with supplying essential products for modern medical care.

Senate Resolution No. 1816 was sponsored by Senator Jay Emler.

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.