Whereas the state of Missouri will face a twenty-five percent (25%) shortage of registered nurses by 2020, and

Whereas the state of Missouri will face a shortage of seven-hundred (700) licensed pharmacists within five years, and

Whereas the School of Nursing and the School of Pharmacy at the University of Missouri-Kansas City educate many of the registered nurses and licensed pharmacists in Missouri, and

Whereas the School of Nursing and the School of Pharmacy desperately need additional space to grow their programs, and

Whereas the new Health Sciences Building that will house the School of Pharmacy and the School of Nursing has 63,000 square feet of shell or unfinished space that could house a large lecture hall, classrooms, clinical laboratories, and additional office space, and

Whereas the University of Missouri-Kansas City, as a comprehensive research university, is a major economic engine for the city, region, and state; and

Whereas legislation now before the Missouri state legislature would provide fifteen million dollars ($15,000,000) to finish the Health Sciences Building that will house the School of Pharmacy and the School of Nursing,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of the University of Missouri-Kansas City strongly urges the House and Senate of the State of Missouri to support the proposed funding for the Health Sciences Building on the campus of the University of Missouri-Kansas City.