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Retiring WMC board chairman honored

FRANKLIN, TENN. – Issac “Ike” Brown joined the Williamson Medical Center Board of Trustees in 1986, the same year the community-focused hospital moved from Columbia Avenue to its current location on Carothers Parkway. While the retiring board chairman was honored Thursday evening in that facility, it looks nothing like it did 24 years ago, and much of the growth has been under Brown’s tenure as chairman.

“Ike’s legacy is Williamson Medical Center’s transition from a community hospital to its establishment as an independent, fully-accredited, regional medical center,” says Dennis Miller, Williamson Medical Center Chief Executive Officer. “He has led us through a \$100 million building expansion, various partnerships and a multitude of new and improved service lines.”

During Brown’s tenure as chairman, the Medical Center added two patient floors, tripled the size of the emergency department, built a new medical office building, opened a free-standing outpatient imaging facility near campus and built a parking garage. In fact, the planned growth and his professional background in finance were considerations when Brown chose to take the gavel as chairman in 2004. He had retired in 1999 as treasurer and chief financial officer of the General Board of Discipleship at the United Methodist Church.

“I felt my professional knowledge in finance was helpful to the Medical Center during this time,” Brown says. “It was a phenomenal period of growth where we added many new services and enhanced others.”

Brown has been lauded not only for his accomplishments, but for his servant leadership and humble nature.

“Ike has poured his heart and soul into this hospital, and he is the embodiment of commitment,” Miller says. “When he takes on a project, he fully commits to doing everything he can to make it successful.”

Brown says it is simply his nature to be committed to a cause.

“I have a mission outlook on life and health care is certainly a mission,” he says. “When you make a commitment, you give all you have within you to give.”

Several city, county and state leaders illustrated their appreciation for Brown’s commitment and accomplishments with proclamations Thursday. Among those were County Mayor Rogers Anderson, Franklin Mayor John Schroer, Brentwood Mayor Betsy Crossley, Williamson County-Franklin Chamber of Commerce President Nancy Conway, Brentwood Cool Springs Chamber of Commerce President Cindy Parmenter, and state legislators Jack Johnson, Charles Sargent and Glen Casada.

Williamson Medical Center Foundation Executive Director Steve Smith also announced a scholarship named in honor of Brown, and the Board of Trustees named him the first Trustee Emeritus at Williamson Medical Center.

“I look back over the 24 years as an incredible challenge for Williamson Medical Center, and I have enjoyed my part in making it the best it can be,” Brown says. “We have had tremendous opportunities and tremendous challenges, and I am proud of our growth and ability to provide advanced health care to this community.”

Williamson Medical Center, a 185-bed hospital fully accredited by The Joint Commission, provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient care including emergency services, with credentialed physicians in 53 specialties and sub-specialties. The community-focused hospital offers a wide range of wellness services, screenings and classes. For more information about Williamson Medical Center, visit www.williamsonmedicalcenter.org.

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