

By Senator Crist

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1 Senate Resolution No. ____

2 A proclamation honoring Dr. R. Vijayanagar of

3 Tampa, cardiovascular surgeon, for his historic

4 achievements in heart transplantation and in

5 other state-of-the-art procedures.

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7 WHEREAS, Dr. R. Vijayanagar, Assistant Clinical

8 Professor of Surgery, College of Medicine, University of South

9 Florida, in 1985 became the first physician in this state to

10 perform a heart transplant upon a patient who survived for an

11 appreciable period of time (10 years), and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Vijayanagar has enjoyed a distinguished

13 career in this country, both before and after becoming a

14 naturalized citizen of the United States in 1977, and

15 WHEREAS, he was born in India, received his M.B.B.S. at

16 G.S. Medical College, University of Bombay, served an

17 internship at Passaic (New Jersey) General Hospital, and

18 completed several residencies at hospitals in the Bronx, New

19 York, and

20 WHEREAS, he is a fellow or member of more than a dozen

21 physicians' associations, is the author or coauthor of a vast

22 number of articles on the uses of cardiovascular surgery in a

23 wide variety of cardiac ailments, including articles appearing

24 in prestigious periodicals published in India as well as in

25 major U.S. medical periodicals, and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Vijayanagar has also lectured here and

27 abroad at international congresses of cardiovascular surgeons

28 and of thoracic surgeons, and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. Vijayanagar continues to provide

30 state-of-the-art treatment for heart disease, including the

31 performance, in 1995, of two partial left ventriculectomies,

1 or "Batista procedures," so named in honor of the doctor who
2 developed the procedure in a primitive hospital in the jungles
3 of Brazil, and first performed in this country in 1995, and
4 WHEREAS, it is fitting that we recognize the amazing
5 accomplishments of this Tampa practitioner, who has helped put
6 his city and state "on the map," worldwide, for his
7 extraordinary achievements in his field, NOW, THEREFORE,

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9 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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11 That the Florida Senate honors Dr. R. Vijayanagar for
12 performing the first heart transplant in Florida on a
13 surviving patient and for his many other contributions to the
14 advancement of cardiovascular surgery, through means including
15 publishing numerous scholarly articles in noted medical
16 journals as well as performing many successful operations.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
18 with the Senate Seal affixed, be presented to Dr. R.
19 Vijayanagar as a tangible token of the regard of the Florida
20 Senate.

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