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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution commending the health maintenance organization industry and recognizing March 11, 1998, as "Florida HMO Day."

WHEREAS, by fostering healthful behaviors and habits in members when they are young, health maintenance organizations influence and promote healthful behaviors that will remain with children throughout their lives, and

WHEREAS, health maintenance organizations have helped reduce the infant mortality rate in this state by 22 percent over the last 5 years, and

WHEREAS, health maintenance organizations have played a major role in timely immunizing 83 percent of the 2-year-old children in this state, and

WHEREAS, the nationally renowned Florida Healthy Kids program relies on health maintenance organizations exclusively to provide health care coverage, and

WHEREAS, the Institute for Child Health Policy reports that 94 percent of Florida Healthy Kids enrollees say that they are very satisfied with their access to care and their relationship with their health care providers, and

WHEREAS, a preliminary report from the Institute for Child Health Policy shows that between 83 percent and 90 percent of children enrolled in health maintenance organizations have received immunizations in accordance with the guidelines of the American Association of Pediatrics, and

WHEREAS, a study by the Institute for Child Health Policy shows that children's health care utilization rates in the Florida Healthy Kids program matched projected health care

1 utilization rates, based on diagnoses and health care needs,
2 and

3 WHEREAS, health maintenance organizations have saved
4 state tax payers more than \$100 million in health care costs
5 over the last 3 years, and

6 WHEREAS, health maintenance organizations help provide
7 coverage to many of the state's 823,000 uninsured children,
8 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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12 That the health maintenance organization industry is
13 commended for its contributions to the health of the residents
14 of this state.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that March 11, 1998, is
16 recognized as "Florida HMO Day" by the Florida Senate.

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