

By Representative Valdes

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring Jose A. Mijares, M.D.

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4 WHEREAS, Jose A. Mijares, M.D., was born in 1920 in
5 Santa Clara, Cuba, a city founded by his ancestors in 1689,
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7 WHEREAS, having graduated from the University of Havana
8 in 1943 with a degree in medicine, Dr. Mijares served his
9 nation in its Navy for 15 years, until Cuba fell to communism
10 in 1959, and

11 WHEREAS, during World War II, while he was in the Cuban
12 Navy, Dr. Mijares was assigned convoy duty with the United
13 States Navy, during which time his services were recognized by
14 President Harry S. Truman, and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Mijares provided his surgical services in
16 1950 and 1951 to the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia,
17 treating Marines who had been wounded during the Korean
18 Conflict, and, from 1953 to 1955, served as assistant naval
19 attache assigned to the Cuban Embassy in Washington, and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Mijares moved to Tampa in 1960, and has
21 lived there since that time, becoming a United States citizen
22 in 1965, and entering private practice in 1967 as a general
23 and thoracic surgeon, and

24 WHEREAS, in addition to many other accomplishments, Dr.
25 Mijares is the principal founder and owner of Town & Country
26 Hospital and is the inventor of a surgical clamp which bears
27 his name, the Mijares-Allis Forceps, and

28 WHEREAS, Dr. Mijares, military man, author, inventor,
29 physician, and, most importantly, family man, has retired
30 after 53 years of medical practice, NOW, THEREFORE,

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1 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
2 Florida:

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4 That the House of Representatives pauses in its
5 deliberations to honor Jose A. Mijares, M.D., for his
6 outstanding contributions.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
8 be presented to Dr. Jose A. Mijares as a tangible token of the
9 sentiments expressed herein.

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