



1 out of every 100 men of the United States Navy and Marine  
2 Corps recovering from wounds received, and

3 WHEREAS, in the performance of this seemingly  
4 impossible task, 1,724 hospital corpsmen gave their lives,  
5 none of whom bore arms, and

6 WHEREAS, of the fifteen Navy enlisted men awarded the  
7 Congressional Medal of Honor during World War II, seven were  
8 hospital corpsmen, with members of the Hospital Corps  
9 receiving over 820 major awards and citations, and

10 WHEREAS, women were first admitted into the Hospital  
11 Corps in World War II, and

12 WHEREAS, the Hospital Corps School for Women Accepted  
13 for Volunteer Emergency Service, known as the WAVES, were made  
14 an integral part of the regular Navy in 1948, and

15 WHEREAS, during the Korean conflict, the Hospital Corps  
16 cared for 2,844 casualties during the three weeks of the  
17 Inchon-Seoul operation alone, and U.S. Navy hospital ships in  
18 Korean waters handled some 20,000 battle casualties, 30,000  
19 non-battle casualties, and approximately 80,000 outpatients  
20 throughout the course of the conflict, and

21 WHEREAS, of the seven Medals of Honor conferred upon  
22 Navy personnel during the Korean conflict, five were bestowed  
23 upon hospital corpsmen, and

24 WHEREAS, during the Vietnam conflict, hospital corpsmen  
25 performed emergency medical treatment in all types of combat  
26 conditions, with 620 corpsmen killed or mortally wounded, and  
27 3,353 wounded in action, and

28 WHEREAS, awards for gallantry and intrepidity in action  
29 included three medals of honor, 29 Navy Crosses, 127 Silver  
30 Stars, two Legions of Merit, 290 Bronze Stars, and 4,563  
31 Purple Hearts, and

1           WHEREAS, since the end of the Vietnam conflict,  
2 hospital corpsmen continue to serve in many "hot spots" around  
3 the world, providing medical treatment during military actions  
4 and performing as assistants in the prevention and treatment  
5 of disease and injury, and

6           WHEREAS, wherever the United States Navy and Marine  
7 Corps are found, the members of the Hospital Corps provide  
8 every medical service that may be required, rendering quality  
9 medical care to beneficiaries throughout the world, and

10           WHEREAS, on June 17, 1998, the Hospital Corps of the  
11 Navy will celebrate its 100th Anniversary, and

12           WHEREAS, for 100 years the emblem of the Hospital Corps  
13 has been a badge of mercy and valor, a token of unselfish  
14 service in the highest calling: the saving of life in the  
15 service of this country, and

16           WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that these  
17 courageous and indispensable members of America's Armed Forces  
18 be honored on the 100th Anniversary of the Hospital Corps of  
19 the Navy, NOW, THEREFORE,

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21 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
22 Florida:

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24           That the House of Representatives of the State of  
25 Florida hereby honors the Hospital Corps of the United States  
26 Navy, which celebrates its 100th Anniversary on June 17, 1998.