

By Representative Bainter

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution commending the health maintenance
3 organization industry and designating March 25,
4 1999, as "Florida HMO Day."

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6 WHEREAS, health maintenance organizations are dedicated
7 to providing Floridians with ready access to preventive care
8 services, thus promoting better health and well-being among
9 Florida residents, and

10 WHEREAS, health maintenance organizations have made
11 health coverage more affordable for workers and their
12 families, allowing more Floridians to become insured, and

13 WHEREAS, an overwhelming majority of health maintenance
14 organizations cover primary care visits without deductibles or
15 coinsurance, thereby encouraging their subscribers to seek
16 preventive care earlier and avail themselves of the services
17 of their physicians whenever they think it necessary, and

18 WHEREAS, according to a study of cancer screening among
19 women conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and
20 Prevention, women enrolled in health maintenance organizations
21 are more likely to obtain preventive health care screenings,
22 including pap smears, gynecological exams, and mammograms,
23 than women in fee-for-service plans, and

24 WHEREAS, a study in the American Journal of Public
25 Health shows that health maintenance organization members with
26 breast cancer, cervical cancer, and other types of cancer were
27 diagnosed at significantly earlier stages than fee-for-service
28 patients, and

29 WHEREAS, Florida health maintenance organizations have
30 taken an active role in preventing, identifying, and managing
31 osteoporosis, and

1 WHEREAS, through programs developed by Florida health
2 maintenance organizations, babies in Florida are being born
3 healthier, with less premature infants being born to high-risk
4 mothers and fewer neonatal intensive stays for infants, and

5 WHEREAS, the health and well-being of the residents of
6 Florida is of vital concern to the members of this body, NOW,
7 THEREFORE,

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9 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
10 Florida:

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12 That the House of Representatives hereby commends the
13 health maintenance organization industry in Florida for its
14 contributions to the health of the residents of the state and
15 designates March 25, 1999, as "Florida HMO Day."