By Senator Myers

27-838-00

1   Senate Resolution No. _____

2   A resolution recognizing March 16, 2000, as

3   Doctors' Day in the Florida Senate.

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5   WHEREAS, Doctors' Day was first observed in 1933 on the

6   day that also commemorates the first administration of

7   anesthesia by a physician in 1842, and

8   WHEREAS, the medical profession holds a special place

9   in the hearts of Americans, and

10   WHEREAS, Doctors' Day provides an opportunity for

11 physicians and patients to set aside the distractions of

12 today's health-care environment and focus on the medical

13 profession's contribution to society, and

14   WHEREAS, most physicians work long and unpredictable

15 hours, and many must cope with the conflicting demands of work

16 and family life, and

17   WHEREAS, the Florida Medical Association sponsors the

18 Doctor of the Day program that provides volunteer physicians

19 during the regular legislative sessions to provide medical

20 care for the legislators, staff, and others, and

21   WHEREAS, physicians were recently commended by the

22 Department of Health for providing more than $183 million in

23 health care goods and services to uninsured persons since

24 1992, and

25   WHEREAS, physicians devote their lives to caring for

26 people and make special contributions to our society and

27 culture, and

28   WHEREAS, a red carnation has become the symbol if

29 Doctors' Day because it denotes the qualities of love,

30 charity, sacrifice, bravery, and courage and is worn by

31 physicians and their spouses, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 1 | Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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 3 | That the Florida Senate recognizes March 16, 2000, as

 4 | Doctors' Day.

 5 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,

 6 | with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the

 7 | Florida Medical Association as a tangible token of the

 8 | sentiments of the Florida Senate.

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