

By Representative Peaden

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating March 16, 2000,
3 Florida Doctors' Day.4
5 WHEREAS, first observed in 1933 by a group of
6 physicians' wives in Winder, Georgia, Doctors' Day celebrates
7 the tremendous compassion and talent of physicians and
8 commemorates the first administration of anesthesia by a
9 physician in 1842, and10 WHEREAS, according to a 1998 Harris poll, Americans
11 regard doctors as the nation's most prestigious professional
12 group, and President George Bush held physicians in such high
13 regard that he designated an official day of recognition for
14 them in 1990, and15 WHEREAS, the Florida Medical Association has sponsored
16 the "Doctor of the Day" program for many years, providing a
17 volunteer physician every day of the Regular Legislative
18 Session in both the House of Representatives of the State of
19 Florida and the Florida Senate to care for legislators, staff,
20 and others in the Capitol who require medical services, and21 WHEREAS, volunteer physicians were recently commended
22 by the Florida Department of Health for their efforts to
23 provide medical care to the state's medically uninsured
24 residents, which amounted to more than \$50 million in health
25 care goods and services in fiscal year 1998-1999, and26 WHEREAS, Florida's physicians selflessly devote each
27 day of their lives to caring for the citizens of the State of
28 Florida and make unique and special contributions to our
29 society and to our culture, thanklessly enduring long and
30 unpredictable hours and coping with the highly conflicting
31 demands of work and family life, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 of the State of
5 Florida declares March 16, 2000, as Florida Doctors' Day in
6 honor of the selfless service and immense talent of Florida's
7 physicians.

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