

By Representative Bloom

House Resolution

A resolution commending Miami Children's
Hospital for its 50 years of service.

WHEREAS, conceived in the hearts of local physicians in
the mid-1930's and brought to fruition through the
persistence, energy, and benevolence of the citizens of South
Florida, Variety Children's Hospital opened its doors on March
21, 1950, primarily as a regional hospital for young victims
of poliomyelitis, and in less than 10 years had become a
teaching hospital focusing on pediatrics, and

WHEREAS, over the next decades, the hospital continued
to expand its disciplines in a determined effort to provide
the ultimate in health care so that no child ever need leave
the state to receive the best care available for even the
worst of diseases, all the while ministering with the same
concerned, tender care that had become its single-most
defining characteristic, and

WHEREAS, in order to meet the needs of a burgeoning
population, the Miami Children's Hospital Foundation was
established as the fiduciary and fundraising affiliate of the
pediatric medical center, with David M. Walters, former
Ambassador to the Vatican, serving as its inspired and
inspiring president, and, in February 1983, Variety Children's
Hospital became Miami Children's Hospital, and

WHEREAS, with many "firsts" to its credit, such as the
first trachea transplant in the United States, the first
extracardiac Fontan operation in the world that did not
require cardiopulmonary bypass, and the first endoscopic
ventricular thrombectomy in the world, today, Miami Children's
Hospital excels in all aspects of pediatric medicine, caring

1 for more than 185,000 pediatric patients annually from all
2 over the world, and is the largest free-standing pediatric
3 teaching hospital in the Southeastern United States and the
4 only licensed specialty hospital in South Florida exclusively
5 for children, and

6 WHEREAS, Miami Children's Hospital presently enjoys a
7 unique pediatric alliance with the University of Miami School
8 of Medicine and Jackson Memorial Hospital, with a view toward
9 working to achieve a prominence in pediatric health care that
10 will place Miami in the forefront of medical care for children
11 worldwide, NOW, THEREFORE,

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13 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
14 Florida:

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16 That the House of Representatives pauses in its
17 deliberations to congratulate Miami Children's Hospital as it
18 observes 50 years of excellent service to the community, the
19 nation, and the world, to commend it for the achievement of
20 its highly commendable aspirations, and to wish it
21 unparalleled success in its future endeavors.

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