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Senate Resolution No. _____

A resolution recognizing February 21, 2002, as
Doctors' Day in the Florida Senate.

WHEREAS, Doctors' Day was first observed in 1933 on the
day that also commemorates the first administration of
anesthesia by a physician in 1842, and

WHEREAS, the medical profession holds a special place
in the hearts of Americans, and

WHEREAS, Doctors' Day provides an opportunity for
physicians and patients to set aside the distractions of
today's health-care environment and focus on the medical
profession's contribution to society, and

WHEREAS, most physicians work long and unpredictable
hours, and many must cope with the conflicting demands of work
and family life, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Medical Association sponsors the
Doctor of the Day program that provides volunteer physicians
during the regular legislative sessions to provide medical
care for the legislators, staff, and others, and

WHEREAS, physicians devote their lives to caring for
people and make special contributions to our society and
culture, and

WHEREAS, a red carnation has become the symbol of
Doctors' Day because it denotes the qualities of love,
charity, sacrifice, bravery, and courage and is worn by
physicians and their spouses, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1 That the Florida Senate recognizes February 21, 2002,
2 as Doctors' Day.
3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
4 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the
5 Florida Medical Association as a tangible token of the
6 sentiments of the Florida Senate.
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