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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing March 27, 2003, as
Florida Doctors' Day.

WHEREAS, Doctors' Day was first observed in 1933 by a
group of physicians' spouses in Winder, Georgia, and the day
also commemorates the first administration of anesthesia by a
physician in 1842, and

WHEREAS, President George Bush thought so highly of
physicians that he designated an official day of recognition
for them in 1990, and

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

WHEREAS, Doctors' Day provides an opportunity for
physicians and patients to set aside the distractions of
today's often contentious health care environment and focus on
the "extraordinary calling of medicine," and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Florida Medical Association
is "to serve as an advocate for physicians and their patients
to promote the public health, to ensure high standards in
medical education and ethics, and to enhance the quality and
availability of health care," and

WHEREAS, the Florida Medical Association has sponsored
the "Doctor of the Day" program for many years, providing a
volunteer physician every day of the regular legislative
session, in both the Senate and the House of Representatives,
to care for the legislators, staff, and others in the Capitol
requiring medical services, and

1 WHEREAS, physicians daily devote their lives to the
2 care of citizens in the great State of Florida and make unique
3 and special contributions to our society and culture, and

4 WHEREAS, over the years, the red carnation has become
5 the symbol of Doctors' Day, denoting the qualities of love,
6 charity, sacrifice, bravery, and courage, and is today being
7 worn by physicians and their spouses visiting the Capitol,
8 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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12 That the Senate applauds our devoted medical
13 professionals and recognizes March 27, 2003, as Florida
14 Doctors' Day in honor of the selfless service and immense
15 talent of Florida's physicians.