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## House Resolution

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2 A resolution designating March 27, 2003, "Florida Doctors'  
3 Day."

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

8 WHEREAS, recognizing that most physicians endure long,  
9 unpredictable hours and many must cope with the conflicting  
10 demands of work and family life, President George Bush in 1990  
11 designated an official day in recognition of physicians, and

12 WHEREAS, physicians daily devote their lives to the care of  
13 citizens in the great State of Florida and make unique, special  
14 contributions to its society and culture, and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, the Florida Medical Association has sponsored the  
25 "Doctor of the Day" program for many years, providing a  
26 volunteer physician every day of the regular legislative  
27 session, in both the Florida House of Representatives and the  
28 Florida Senate, to attend Legislators, staff, and others in the  
29 Capitol who may require medical services, and

30 WHEREAS, over the years, the red carnation has become the



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31 symbol of Doctors' Day, denoting the qualities of love,  
32 sacrifice, and courage, and is today being worn by physicians  
33 and their spouses who are visiting the Capitol, NOW, THEREFORE,  
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35 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
36 Florida:

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38 That the House of Representatives applaud the state's  
39 devoted medical professionals and designate March 27, 2003,  
40 "Florida Doctors' Day" in recognition of the selfless service  
41 and immense talent of Florida's physicians.