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## House Resolution

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2 A resolution recognizing the services of the Volunteers in  
3 Medicine Clinic of Martin County.

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5 WHEREAS, often described as the "working poor," those in  
6 Martin County who do not have the financial means to cover  
7 necessary medical costs or to purchase insurance are finding  
8 renewed hope through the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic, and

9 WHEREAS, in order to meet this critical need, the  
10 Volunteers in Medicine Clinic was established by retired  
11 physician Fred Carter, M.D., in October 1995 through a  
12 collaborative effort of the Martin County Medical Society,  
13 Martin Memorial Health Systems, and the Martin County Public  
14 Health Unit, and

15 WHEREAS, since its inception, the Clinic, through its  
16 volunteer physicians, nurses, clinical psychologists, and allied  
17 healthcare professionals and the uncompensated services of  
18 physicians and surgeons in private practice, has treated 3,000  
19 individuals during more than 50,000 patient visits, and

20 WHEREAS, currently comprised of seven exam rooms, a  
21 laboratory, a pharmacy, and an ophthalmology room, the Clinic  
22 offers its patients a broad array of medical disciplines and  
23 ancillary programs, and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Carter has been the recipient of numerous  
25 recognitions and awards, the Clinic has received both local and  
26 national recognitions, awards, and grants and private financial  
27 contributions and support, but perhaps most praiseworthy of the  
28 Clinic's efforts are those of the dedicated volunteers who serve  
29 as stellar examples of citizens responding to the call of the



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30 President and the Governor to help ease the burden on our social  
31 services system, NOW, THEREFORE,

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33 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
34 Florida:

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36 That the House of Representatives enthusiastically commends  
37 Dr. Fred Carter and the volunteers and supporters of the  
38 Volunteers in Medicine Clinic of Martin County for their  
39 magnificent efforts toward providing needed healthcare services  
40 and promoting preventive measures for those whom they serve.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
42 presented to the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic as a tangible  
43 token of the sentiments expressed herein.