

By Senator Jones

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Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

A resolution commending Hadassah, the Women's  
Zionist Organization of America, and the  
Florida Central, Florida Broward, Greater  
Miami, and Florida Atlantic Regions.

WHEREAS, Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of  
America, the largest Zionist, largest Jewish, and largest  
women's membership organization in the country, was founded in  
1912 by Henrietta Szold to help meet the medical needs of  
Palestinians, and

WHEREAS, since that time, Hadassah has been a leading  
force in supporting Israel's medical needs through Mt. Scopus  
Hospital, Ein Karem Hospital, and various clinics across the  
country, and

WHEREAS, Hadassah hospitals, in addition to serving as  
a model of peaceful coexistence in the Middle East, provide  
state-of-the-art health care to 600,000 patients a year -  
regardless of race, religion, or creed - and often treat the  
most critically wounded in the region's ongoing conflicts, and

WHEREAS, in the United States, Hadassah women sold \$200  
million in US World War II bonds as their first national  
domestic effort, and

WHEREAS, since then, Hadassah women have been actively  
engaged in domestic health education programs on breast cancer  
and osteoporosis; voter registration efforts; Jewish  
education; grassroots advocacy on US-Israel relations, Jewish  
communal concerns, and women's issues; humanitarian relief to  
distressed communities and countries, including most recently,  
the victims of the tsunami disaster; and volunteer work in  
literacy programs and at domestic violence shelters, and

1           WHEREAS, today, Wednesday, March 30, 2005, Hadassah  
2 women have gathered at the Capitol in Tallahassee to help  
3 educate Florida Legislators on the value of supporting  
4 embryonic stem cell research for all Floridians, NOW,  
5 THEREFORE,

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

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9           That Hadassah's Florida Central, Florida Broward,  
10 Florida Atlantic, and Greater Miami Regions are commended on  
11 the activities of its members in playing a vital role in  
12 improving the quality of life of people in Florida and the  
13 United States, in Israel and Palestine, and elsewhere in the  
14 world.

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