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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, and commending its members in the Florida Central, Florida Broward, Greater Miami, and Florida Atlantic Regions on playing a vital role in improving the quality of life of people in Florida and the United States, in Israel, and elsewhere in the world.

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 meeting 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 U.S. 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 concerning breast cancer and osteoporosis; voter-registration efforts; Jewish education; grassroots advocacy on U.S.-Israel

1 relations, Jewish communal concerns, and women's issues;
2 humanitarian relief to distressed communities and countries;
3 and volunteer work in literacy programs and at
4 domestic-violence shelters, and

5 WHEREAS, nominated to receive the Nobel Peace Prize,
6 the Hadassah Medical Organization is recognized for its
7 excellence in promoting peace in the Middle East through its
8 equal treatment for all people, including its care of more
9 victims of terrorism than any other medical center in the
10 region, and, with its mixed staff of people of all faiths, for
11 its serving as a model of cooperation and coexistence in its
12 ongoing initiatives to create bridges for peace even
13 throughout the Intifada, and

14 WHEREAS, on Wednesday, March 22, 2006, Hadassah women
15 are at the Capitol in Tallahassee to help educate Florida
16 Legislators on the value of supporting embryonic stem cell
17 research for all Floridians, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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21 That Hadassah's Florida Central, Florida Broward,
22 Florida Atlantic, and Greater Miami Regions are commended on
23 the activities of their members in playing a vital role in
24 improving the quality of life of people in Florida and the
25 United States, in Israel, and elsewhere in the world.

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