

HR 9083

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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the 20th anniversary of the
3 Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa, Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, in 1985, the Shriners Hospital for Children in
6 Tampa, Florida, opened its doors to care for children with
7 orthopedic conditions and since that time has maintained a staff
8 dedicated to helping young patients develop their physical,
9 emotional, and intellectual capabilities and to lead fuller,
10 more productive lives, and

11 WHEREAS, the hospital, a 60-bed pediatric orthopedic
12 hospital providing comprehensive orthopedic care to children at
13 no charge, without regard to race, religion, or relationship to
14 a Shriner, is designed to incorporate state-of-the-art equipment
15 and advanced treatment programs with the Shriners Hospital's
16 family-centered-care approach, and

17 WHEREAS, the hospital maintains a teaching affiliation with
18 the University of South Florida and is heavily involved in
19 ongoing research exploring the mysteries of musculoskeletal
20 diseases of children, and

21 WHEREAS, the hospital has expended more than \$300 million
22 in the past 20 years on medical treatment, salaries, and
23 services to the community; in that time has provided care to
24 over 35,000 of Florida's children; and is committed to continued
25 care for increasing numbers of children in the future, NOW,
26 THEREFORE,

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28 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
29 | Florida:

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31 | That the House of Representatives proudly recognizes the
32 | 20th anniversary of the Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa,
33 | Florida, and urges the residents of the state not only to join
34 | this exceptional institution in the celebration of its 20 years
35 | of service to the children of this state, but to express their
36 | gratitude for the ongoing care and research for which it is
37 | known.