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House Resolution A resolution commending Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, and its members from the Florida Central, Florida Atlantic, Florida Broward, and Greater Miami Regions on playing a vital role in improving the quality of life of people in Florida and the United States, in Israel, in the Middle East, 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, and focuses primarily on the provision of health care in the United States and Israel, women's issues, education, and youth programs, and WHEREAS, since its founding, 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 stateof-the-art health care to 600,000 patients a year, regardless of

23 race, religion, or creed, and often treat the most critically 24 wounded in the region's ongoing conflicts, and

25 WHEREAS, in the United States, Hadassah women sold \$200 26 million in United States World War II bonds as their first 27 national domestic effort, and

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28 WHEREAS, since then, Hadassah women have been actively 29 engaged in domestic health education programs on breast cancer 30 and osteoporosis; voter registration efforts; Jewish education; 31 grassroots advocacy on United States-Israel relations, Jewish 32 communal concerns, and women's issues; humanitarian relief to 33 distressed communities and countries; and volunteer work in 34 literacy programs and at domestic violence shelters, and

WHEREAS, nominated to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, the 35 Hadassah Medical Organization is recognized for its excellence 36 in promoting peace in the Middle East through its equal 37 treatment for all people, including its care of more terror 38 39 victims than any other medical center in the region, and, with 40 its mixed staff of people of all faiths, for its serving as a 41 model of cooperation and coexistence in its ongoing initiatives 42 to create bridges for peace even throughout the intifada, and

WHEREAS, on this day, Thursday, April 19, 2007, Hadassah
women have gathered at the Capitol in Tallahassee to help
educate Florida Legislators on the value of supporting stem cell
research for all Floridians, NOW, THEREFORE,

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48 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of49 Florida:

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51 That the women of Hadassah from the Florida Central, 52 Florida Atlantic, Florida Broward, and Greater Miami Regions are 53 welcomed by their Representatives on this 19th day of April 2007 54 and are commended for their vital role in efforts aimed at 55 improving the quality of life of people in Florida and the

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