

By Senator Saunders

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing Dr. William Lascheid, M.D., and Nancy Lascheid, R.N., for their outstanding public service in making quality medical care available to uninsured, low-income adults in Collier County by establishing an exemplary volunteer-based neighborhood health clinic, coordinating its services, and serving as volunteers.

WHEREAS, the delivery of health care services to individuals who lack the means to pay for the services is a pressing problem in this and every state, and

WHEREAS, many working adults, particularly those earning minimum wages, are uninsured because they cannot afford health insurance, and

WHEREAS, the health care needs of the underserved population cannot be met without the help of compassionate volunteers, and

WHEREAS, Dr. William Lascheid, M.D., and Nancy Lascheid, R.N., are among the most generous of those volunteers in that they have, since 1992, faithfully supported the provision of health care services for individuals living in Collier County who have limited financial resources, and

WHEREAS, William and Nancy Lascheid cofounded the Neighborhood Health Clinic in 1999 based on an innovative concept combining philanthropy and volunteerism to provide quality medical care and prescription medicines to adults in their community who are working, but uninsured, at a cost to patients for each visit of 1 hour of their wages, and

WHEREAS, William and Nancy Lascheid have labored selflessly to enlist and coordinate the volunteer services of physicians,

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30 nurses, other health care professionals, and community members to
31 offer health services at the Neighborhood Health Clinic, and

32 WHEREAS, in 2002, the Neighborhood Health Clinic moved from
33 its first site in donated storefront space to a more spacious and
34 modern facility having a staff of volunteer physicians and nurses
35 and a total of more than 500 volunteers, funded entirely through
36 private philanthropy, and

37 WHEREAS, volunteers at the Neighborhood Health Clinic have
38 donated 87,458 hours of services worth nearly \$7.5 million, and
39 medical providers outside the clinic have donated services to the
40 clinic's patients which are worth nearly \$4.4 million, and

41 WHEREAS, as of June 2007, the doctors volunteering for the
42 clinic had provided medical consultations to patients in 28,702
43 visits and the clinic had filled many thousands of prescriptions
44 that together have a retail value of over \$4.2 million, and

45 WHEREAS, William and Nancy Lascheid have received numerous
46 awards and accolades recognizing the establishment, success, and
47 value of the Neighborhood Health Clinic and their exemplary
48 volunteer services, including, the National Jefferson Award for
49 Public Service, the Gulfshore Life Man of the Year in Medicine,
50 the Florida Medical Association Partnership in Medicine Award,
51 the Community Foundation Robert C. Cosgrove Award, the Naples
52 Daily News 2001 Outstanding Citizen Award, and the State of
53 Florida Points of Light Award, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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57 That the Florida Senate recognizes Dr. William Lascheid,
58 M.D., and Nancy Lascheid, R.N., for their years of exemplary and

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59 selfless service to the people of Collier County and this state.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
61 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Dr. and Mrs.
62 William Lascheid as a tangible token of the sentiments of the
63 Florida Senate.