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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating April 17, 2008, as "Jackson
3 Health System Appreciation Day."

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5 WHEREAS, on June 25, 1918, Jackson Memorial Hospital opened
6 its doors as the City of Miami's first charity care hospital,
7 and

8 WHEREAS, today, 90 years later, though it still remains as
9 the county's only charity care "safety-net" hospital, Jackson
10 Memorial Hospital has evolved into Jackson Health System, an
11 integrated healthcare delivery system with more than
12 11,000 employees that provides medical services to
13 residents of Miami-Dade County, regardless of their
14 ability to pay, and

15 WHEREAS, Jackson Health System currently consists of 12
16 primary care centers, 16 school-based clinics, two long-
17 term care nursing facilities, an outpatient diagnostic
18 center, a children's hospital, a rehabilitation hospital,
19 two community hospitals and the system's centerpiece, the
20 regional referral, tertiary care Jackson Memorial
21 Hospital, which is the primary teaching hospital of the
22 University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine,
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Jackson Health System is made up of five
25 hospitals: Jackson Memorial Hospital, Holtz Children's
26 Hospital, Jackson South Community Hospital, Jackson North
27 Medical Center, and Jackson Rehabilitation Hospital, and

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28 WHEREAS, Jackson Memorial Hospital, the system's
29 flagship hospital with 1,498 beds, is the third largest
30 teaching hospital in the United States through an academic
31 affiliation with the University of Miami Leonard M. Miller
32 School of Medicine, and is also a training center for
33 physicians and other healthcare professionals from around
34 the world, and

35 WHEREAS, Holtz Children's Hospital is one of the
36 largest children's hospitals in the southeast United
37 States, one of three centers in the country that
38 specialize in pediatric multi-organ transplants, home to
39 one of the largest neonatal intensive care units in the
40 United States, and has more pediatric physicians on the
41 "Best Doctors in America" list than any other children's
42 hospital in South Florida, and

43 WHEREAS, Jackson South Community Hospital is a 199-bed
44 acute-care hospital located in south Miami-Dade County,
45 designed specifically for patient comfort and convenience
46 with state-of-the-art technology, leading-edge treatments
47 and services, and a wide array of specialties and
48 subspecialties practiced by nationally respected, board-
49 certified physicians and healthcare professionals, and

50 WHEREAS, Jackson North Medical Center is a 382-bed,
51 acute-care, community hospital serving the residents of
52 north Miami-Dade and south Broward counties that offers a
53 variety of services, including 24-hour adult and pediatric
54 emergency care, maternity care, and rehabilitation, and is
55 also home to specialized centers such as the Wound Care

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56 Center, the Center for Mental Health, and the Pain & Spine
57 Institute, and

58 WHEREAS, Jackson Rehabilitation Hospital is a state-
59 designated facility for its Brain & Spinal Cord Injury
60 Program that offers additional services which include
61 treatment programs for medical rehabilitation, burns, and
62 hand injuries, and

63 WHEREAS, Jackson Health System also offers health care
64 through 12 primary care centers, the remote "Care-A-Van"
65 program, school-based care delivered in 16 school-based
66 clinics venues and initiatives, and the Jackson Health
67 System Primary Care Initiative, and

68 WHEREAS, the innumerable accolades received by, and
69 remarkable accomplishments of, member institutions of the
70 Jackson Health System, are truly voluminous, and

71 WHEREAS, in 2007, Jackson Health System spent nearly \$500
72 million on charity care, a level that is among the highest in
73 the country, and

74 WHEREAS, the University of Miami Miller School of
75 Medicine and Jackson Memorial Hospital have consistently
76 ranked in *U.S. News & World Report* among "America's Best
77 Hospitals," and

78 WHEREAS, in 2007, the University of Miami/Jackson
79 Memorial Hospital was ranked in four different
80 specialties: ophthalmology; ear, nose and throat;
81 digestive disorders; and kidney disease, and has more
82 ranked specialties than any other hospital in South
83 Florida, and

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84 WHEREAS, the Ryder Trauma Center, located at the
85 University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center, is
86 the only adult and pediatric Level 1 Trauma Center in
87 Miami-Dade County, is one of the busiest trauma centers in
88 the nation, and is the only trauma center chosen by the
89 United States Army to train its military surgical teams
90 before being deployed to areas of conflict, and

91 WHEREAS, Holtz Children's Hospital's 126-bed Newborn
92 Special Care Center is also a regional referral facility
93 that is home to a 66-bed, Level III Neonatal Intensive
94 Care Unit, which is the largest in Florida, and

95 WHEREAS, the Transplant Center, located at the
96 University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center, is
97 ranked among the busiest in the nation, and Jackson
98 Memorial Hospital is the only Florida hospital to perform
99 every kind of solid organ transplantation, with more than
100 half of the world's reported multi-organ transplants
101 having been performed there, and

102 WHEREAS, the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Burn
103 Center has been one of the nation's leading burn treatment
104 facilities since its founding in the 1960s and is the only
105 such center in Miami-Dade County, and

106 WHEREAS, Jackson Health System has recently affiliated with
107 the newly created Florida International University's School of
108 Medicine, and

109 WHEREAS, as is obvious, the vast scope and superlative
110 quality of health care provided to the citizens of South Florida
111 by Jackson Health System is of incalculable benefit, not only to

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112 area residents directly served by Jackson Health System but to
113 the State of Florida as a whole, and is rarely found elsewhere
114 in the nation, and

115 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that on this, the
116 90th anniversary of the founding of Jackson Memorial Hospital,
117 the citizens of the state should recognize Jackson Health System
118 for its astounding growth, achievements, and service to the
119 people of the State of Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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121 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
122 Florida:

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124 That in celebration of Jackson Memorial Hospital's 90 years
125 of continued service to the residents of Miami-Dade County,
126 April 17, 2008, is hereby designated as "Jackson Health System
127 Appreciation Day."

128 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
129 presented to Marvin O'Quinn, president of the Public Health
130 Trust and chief executive officer of Jackson Health System, as a
131 tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.