

By Senator Gaetz

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the invaluable contribution
3 of Florida ophthalmologists to the EyeCare America
4 program and expressing gratitude for their exemplary
5 service to the people of this state.

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7 WHEREAS, by age 65, one in three Americans suffers some
8 form of vision-limiting eye disease, and

9 WHEREAS, EyeCare America is a charitable foundation of the
10 American Academy of Ophthalmology committed to the preservation
11 of sight, with nearly 7,000 volunteer ophthalmologists providing
12 service to their respective communities, and

13 WHEREAS, in this state, 409 ophthalmologists volunteer
14 their services to more than 34,200 EyeCare America patients,
15 providing voluntary eye exams and up to 1 year of care to
16 qualified United States citizens and legal residents at no cost,
17 and

18 WHEREAS, through EyeCare America, those who are age 65 or
19 older and have not seen an ophthalmologist in 3 or more years
20 may be eligible to receive a comprehensive eye examination and
21 up to 1 year of care, while uninsured individuals who are
22 determined to be at an increased risk for glaucoma and who have
23 not had an eye examination in 12 months or more may be eligible
24 for a free glaucoma exam, and

25 WHEREAS, the Florida Society of Ophthalmology seeks to
26 improve services to Florida citizens and legal residents unable
27 to afford proper and necessary eye care, with many of its
28 members participating in EyeCare America, and

29 WHEREAS, the Florida Senate recognizes the critical

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30 importance of devoting time and medical care for those Florida
31 citizens and legal residents in need of eye care, NOW,
32 THEREFORE,

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

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36 That the Senate does hereby recognize Florida
37 ophthalmologists and the Florida Society of Ophthalmology for
38 their dedication to EyeCare America and patients in need of eye
39 care.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution,
41 signed by the President of the Senate, with the Seal of the
42 Senate affixed, be transmitted to EyeCare America and the
43 Florida Society of Ophthalmology, respectively, as a tangible
44 token of the sentiments expressed herein and as a lasting symbol
45 of the respect of the members of the Senate of the State of
46 Florida.