

By Senator Rich

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Senate Resolution

A resolution congratulating Homestead Hospital for continuing the tradition of high-quality, compassionate care the community has come to know, and expressing appreciation to Chief Executive Officer Bill Duquette for his inspiring leadership.

WHEREAS, in 1940, a group of citizens in the City of Homestead hosted two potluck fish fry events and raised almost \$12,000 to develop a hospital in Homestead, and

WHEREAS, in May 2007, a new, \$135 million, state-of-the-art, full-service, 142-bed facility opened its doors to the public, ushering in a new era for Homestead Hospital and celebrating its emergence as one of the largest employers in south Miami-Dade County, with nearly 1,200 employees, and

WHEREAS, Homestead Hospital's medical staff is made up of more than 400 physicians representing more than 30 specialties, ranging from cardiology and gastroenterology to neurology and urology, and

WHEREAS, Homestead Hospital is a part of Baptist Health South Florida, the largest faith-based, not-for-profit health care organization in the region, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the members of the Senate congratulate Homestead Hospital for continuing the tradition of high-quality, compassionate care and express appreciation to Chief Executive Officer Bill Duquette for his inspiring leadership.