

HONORING HEALTH CARE DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY ON 25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING, FUNDING, AND HEALTH CARE SERVICE TO RESIDENTS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 23, 2014

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Health Care District of Palm Beach County. This organization is renowned in the South Florida community for its excellent work in providing comprehensive planning, funding, and health care service delivery to residents of Palm Beach County.

In the 25 years since its founding, the District's staff and volunteers have greatly contributed to the health and well-being of the citizens of Palm Beach County. In 1987, the Florida Legislature wisely recognized the need to provide ample access to health care services in the county, which worked as an impetus for the establishment of the Health Care District.

The Health Care District has since grown to encompass a wide variety of safety-net programs. These programs include the newly constructed Lakeside Medical Center for treating acute-needs patients, school health clinics that serve over 170 public schools, the Edward J. Healy Rehabilitation and Nursing Cen-

ter, as well as a variety of other coverage programs for uninsured residents of this predominantly rural and agricultural county.

As the operator of the sole public hospital in Palm Beach County, the District has provided lifesaving care to over 3,000 severely injured trauma patients. It also provides health coverage to over 40,000 uninsured county residents, enables uninsured expectant mothers to receive over 70,000 services, and continues to assist over 170,000 county students, where nearly 683,000 visits have been made during the school year. In addition to this critical work, they have also treated over 23,000 visits to the Emergency Room at Lakeside Medical Center.

I am very proud of the Health Care District's work, and privileged to have such a phenomenal organization serving in my Congressional district. I want to personally commend all the hardworking and dedicated staff, along with the countless volunteers of the Health Care District for their service to the community.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize the Health Care District of Palm Beach County, and express my most sincere gratitude for all that they have accomplished. I wish them many more years of continued success.

S. 230, PEACE CORPS MEMORIAL

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Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Natural Resources ordered S. 230 favorably reported on December 4, 2013, without amendment. However, when the bill was passed by a vote of 387–7 by the House on January 13, 2014, the Committee had not filed its bill report.

For this reason, I wanted to take this opportunity to briefly elaborate on the substance of the legislation. S. 230 authorizes the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work on federal land in the District of Columbia and its environs. The project must be planned and constructed with non-federal funds and executed consistently with the Commemorative Works Act (CWA). Accordingly, the work is not eligible for placement in the Reserve as defined by the CWA. This legislation would not have been approved by the Committee on Natural Resources without this clear inclusion of language affirming the moratorium on new memorials within the Reserve.

That being said, I am pleased that the House has enacted yet another bi-partisan bill from the Committee on Natural Resources and I look forward to future successes.