

## House Resolution 292

By: Representatives Evans of the 89<sup>th</sup>, Drenner of the 85<sup>th</sup>, Davis of the 87<sup>th</sup>, Lupton of the 83<sup>rd</sup>, Taylor of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 1, 2023, as MedShare International Day at the state capitol; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, MedShare International, a 501(c)(3) humanitarian aid global health organization  
4 based in Atlanta, Georgia, is celebrating its 25th year of providing healing and hope to  
5 impoverished communities worldwide; and

6 WHEREAS, MedShare's mission is to improve the quality of life of people and the planet;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, MedShare helps provide access to quality health care for marginalized  
9 populations by sourcing and directly delivering high-quality surplus medical supplies and  
10 equipment with training to the world's most vulnerable health systems; and

11 WHEREAS, MedShare's mission supports the following programs and services: Maternal  
12 & Child Health; Primary Care; Disaster Relief; Infectious Disease Control & Prevention; and  
13 Biomedical Equipment Training and Repair Services; and

14 WHEREAS, MedShare has responded to a number of disasters and global pandemics,  
15 including the Ebola outbreak, the earthquake and hurricanes in Haiti, the earthquake in  
16 Nepal, the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States and abroad, and the ongoing crisis in  
17 Ukraine; and

18 WHEREAS, MedShare is currently responding to the dire humanitarian crisis following the  
19 devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria by providing critical medical supplies and  
20 equipment to care for survivors; and

21 WHEREAS, MedShare has delivered over \$275 million in medical supplies and equipment  
22 to 117 countries and territories, equipped over 876,000 health care professionals to treat over  
23 32 million patients worldwide, and trained over 7,000 biomedical engineers, technicians, and  
24 end-users to properly use and maintain critical biomedical equipment; and

25 WHEREAS, MedShare has served over 900 United States-based free and safety-net health  
26 clinics that provide quality health care to individuals in the United States and are uninsured  
27 or under-insured as well as provisioned over 2,800 medical mission teams traveling the globe  
28 to provide care for underserved communities; and

29 WHEREAS, MedShare's environmental sustainability model ensures that millions of tons  
30 of usable medical supplies and biomedical equipment are diverted from United States  
31 landfills and redirected to save lives; and

32 WHEREAS, MedShare is a community-based, volunteer-driven organization that engages  
33 nearly 20,000 individual volunteers each year in support of its mission; and

34 WHEREAS, the outstanding contributions of this organization to community service, civic  
35 engagement, and global health over the past quarter century have been remarkable and are  
36 deserving of this timely recognition.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
38 the members of this body recognize March 1, 2023, as MedShare International Day at the  
39 state capitol.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
41 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
42 public and the press.