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**HEALTH DIRECTOR DR. MALECKI HONORED AS A LOCAL LEGEND**

**PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL**—Palm Beach County Health Department Director, Jean M. Malecki, M.D. is being recognized as Changing the Face of Medicine and honored as a Local Legend by the National Library of Medicine, American Medical Women's Association and Congressman Robert Wexler (D-FL) as a woman physician who has demonstrated commitment, originality, innovation and creativity in the field of medicine.

Malecki will be honored at the American Medical Women' Association Annual Meeting in San Diego, California, Friday, February 6, 2004 along with other Local Legends from around the country. MacNeill/Lehrer Productions, producers of the News Hour with Jim Lehrer, will be producing a DVD on the legends. The National Library of Medicine will be adding Malecki to its **Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians** exhibit at the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland.

In his nomination letter Congressman Wexler said, "Dr. Malecki was the first doctor in this country to deal with a biological attack, when the first patient was diagnosed with anthrax during October 2001. I cannot say enough about Dr. Malecki's outstanding dedication as a public health official. She epitomizes the meaning of public health and public service. I commend her commitment and service to the residents of Palm Beach County."

Malecki has been Director of the Palm Beach County Health Department since 1991 has numerous professional credentials and is a native of Palm Beach County.



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