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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Dr. Charles "Charlie"
4 Martinez of Chicago for being the first ever recipient of the
5 Direct Energy and Tribune Media Group's Chicago Volunteer
6 Citizen of the year award; and

7 WHEREAS, The Volunteer Citizen of the Year Award is
8 designed to recognize those citizens in the Chicago area that
9 go above and beyond for their communities; and

10 WHEREAS, Six years ago, Dr. Martinez and his boyhood
11 friend, the late George Maltezos, decided to start a free
12 primary care clinic on the belief that all people, regardless
13 of socio-economic status, have the right to quality health
14 care; and

15 WHEREAS, While most people in their 70s are thinking about
16 retirement, instead, Dr. Martinez, a former nuclear medicine
17 specialist, volunteers 5 days a week, mostly 8 hours per day,
18 at the Old Irving Park Community Clinic, by leading the medical
19 staff, networking within the community to obtain free tests and
20 specialist referrals, and advocating and offering advice for
21 patients, which numbered more than 3,000, free of cost last
22 year; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Martinez will be honored on June 18, 2013 at
2 the Tribune Tower in recognition of his service to his
3 community; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we congratulate and honor Dr. Charles Martinez for being an
7 outstanding volunteer and for being the recipient of the first
8 ever Direct Energy and Tribune Media Group's Chicago Volunteer
9 Citizen of the Year award; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Dr. Charles Martinez as a symbol of our respect
12 and esteem.