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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of
3 Chicago is one of the largest networks of healthcare,
4 education, and human services in the country, bringing
5 assistance to over 500,000 Chicago-area residents of all faiths
6 and to millions of Jews around the world; and

7 WHEREAS, As the President for over four decades, Dr. Steven
8 B. Nasatir has provided landmark leadership both within the
9 Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Chicago and
10 internationally and has raised more than \$8 billion to provide
11 help, hope, and healing to individuals, families, and
12 communities in need; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Nasatir has inspired generous donations from
14 the Jewish community in the wake of natural disasters, war, and
15 famine, including visiting Haiti after the devastating
16 earthquake of 2010; and

17 WHEREAS, As a passionate supporter of Israel since its
18 early days of statehood, Dr. Nasatir has sought to help in
19 times of peace and war, has met with nearly every Israeli Prime
20 Minister, and has befriended world figures, including Natan
21 Sharansky and Elie Wiesel; and

1 WHEREAS, In the face of threats to Jews around the globe,
2 Dr. Nasatir has shaped the response of the United States and
3 the American Jewish community through advocacy and through
4 committing community resources, most notably the exodus of more
5 than a million Jews from the former Soviet Union and the rescue
6 of Jews from Ethiopia and Yemen; and

7 WHEREAS, In the face of challenges to Israel's very right
8 to exist and in response to the surge in anti-Semitism
9 domestically and abroad, Dr. Nasatir became an early and
10 articulate champion of speaking out in the United States
11 Congress, the Illinois General Assembly, Chicago City Hall, and
12 on campuses throughout the Midwest against the Boycott
13 Divestment and Sanctions movement; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we commend Dr. Steven B. Nasatir for his more than four decades
17 of leadership and service within the Chicago Jewish community,
18 where he has always acted with great care and integrity,
19 following the principle of Kol Yisrael arevim zeh l'zeh - we
20 take care of each other; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Dr. Nasatir as an expression of our esteem and
23 respect.