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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Majority Leader Greg
4 Harris on his national award from the State Access to
5 Innovative Medicines Coalition; and

6 WHEREAS, Leader Harris has been leading the charge to
7 ensure Illinoisans have access to quality and comprehensive
8 healthcare; and

9 WHEREAS, During his tenure in the Illinois General
10 Assembly, Leader Harris has carved a niche for healthcare; and

11 WHEREAS, Leader Harris has been the key negotiator on all
12 aspects of healthcare legislation, including Medicaid, managed
13 care organizations, pharmacy benefit managers, insurance
14 coverage, and patient access to innovative medicines and
15 treatments; and

16 WHEREAS, Because of Leader Harris' efforts and guidance,
17 Illinois has prioritized impactful healthcare legislation to
18 ensure healthcare is accessible for all Illinoisans; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2021, as soaring co-pays and coinsurance
20 requirements were making prescription drugs unaffordable,

1 particularly for those with chronic conditions, Leader Harris
2 sponsored a measure (House Bill 1745) to ensure consumers have
3 the ability to plan and predict their out of pocket
4 requirements and cost sharing; and

5 WHEREAS, House Bill 1745 passed unanimously out of the
6 House Insurance committee and out of the House chamber; and

7 WHEREAS, With Leader Harris' strong resolve, Illinois
8 became the first state to pass consumer protections to give
9 patients across Illinois choices when shopping for their
10 health insurance; and

11 WHEREAS, Organizations, such as the AIDS Foundation of
12 Chicago, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network,
13 the Leukemia Lymphoma Society, Protect Our Care, and many
14 other member organizations of the State Access to Innovative
15 Medicines Coalition, supported Leader Harris' initiative to
16 give consumers more options to plan and predict their
17 prescription drug costs; and

18 WHEREAS, The State Access to Innovative Medicines
19 Coalition honored Leader Harris with their most prestigious
20 award, the National Patient Access Champion Award 2021, in
21 recognition of his significant contributions to protect
22 patients and ensure out of pocket costs are predictable;

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we congratulate Majority Leader Greg Harris on his national
5 award from the State Access to Innovative Medicines Coalition,
6 honoring his work to ensure Illinoisans have access to the
7 innovative medicines that help save lives; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Leader Harris as a symbol of our respect and
10 esteem.