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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the University of  
4 Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria (UICOMP) on the  
5 occasion of its 50th anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, For half a century, UICOMP has fulfilled a  
7 three-part mission of service, education, and research; and

8 WHEREAS, UICOMP was founded as the Peoria Medical School  
9 by a group of local physicians and community leaders in 1970  
10 with the goal to train physicians who would remain in Peoria  
11 and central Illinois communities to practice medicine; over  
12 the past 50 years, their vision has come to fruition in  
13 preparing future physicians, providing clinical services, and  
14 conducting impactful research; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, UICOMP plays a significant role in the  
16 regional economy, with healthcare being the largest employment  
17 sector in Greater Peoria; and

18 WHEREAS, According to data from the Greater Peoria  
19 Economic Development Council, UICOMP includes 708 healthcare  
20 establishments that employ 29,731 people, providing 16% of  
21 area jobs; and

1           WHEREAS, UICOMP trains over 500 medical students,  
2 residents, and fellows annually in Peoria, including 244  
3 students in the four-year curriculum; it enrolls 271 residents  
4 and fellows in 13 different residency programs and 29 fellows  
5 in its eight fellowships; and

6           WHEREAS, UICOMP's faculty includes 1,369 faculty members  
7 responsible for educating and training the future physicians  
8 and, of those, 170 are full-time, 80 are part-time, and 1,119  
9 are volunteer; its faculty provides clinical services at OSF  
10 Saint Francis Medical Center, Children's Hospital of Illinois,  
11 and Carle Health Methodist Hospital, with faculty covering a  
12 wide spectrum of clinical services, from pediatrics to  
13 neurosurgery to psychiatry, including serving the community  
14 both in hospital and ambulatory practice; and

15           WHEREAS, UICOMP conducts clinical research and outcomes  
16 research, and its primary basic science research department is  
17 the Cancer Biology and Pharmacology (CBP) Department, where  
18 faculty conduct research on cancer biology, neuroscience, and  
19 ion channel biology; ongoing research is focused on brain  
20 tumors, breast and prostate cancer, Alzheimer's, dementia,  
21 stroke, and spinal cord injury, among other areas; and

22           WHEREAS, UICOMP relies on strong ties and collaboration

1 with its community partners, with two affiliate hospitals  
2 within walking distance of campus, providing medical students  
3 and residents access to broad clinical experiences with more  
4 than 950 licensed hospital beds; and

5 WHEREAS, UICOMP will celebrate its anniversary at its  
6 Golden Gala event, which will be held at the Peoria Civic  
7 Center on Saturday, September 30, 2023; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
9 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 we congratulate the University of Illinois College of Medicine  
11 at Peoria (UICOMP) on its 50 years of service, education, and  
12 research; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to UICOMP as an expression of our esteem and  
15 respect.