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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Dharmapuri  
4 Vidyasagar on his retirement from the University of  
5 Illinois-Chicago; and

6           WHEREAS, In 1971 Dr. Vidyasagar established the first  
7 neonatal intensive care unit with ventilator support in the  
8 State of Illinois at Cook County Hospital; he went on to found  
9 the Division of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine at the University  
10 of Illinois at Chicago, which has provided an underserved  
11 community with world-class emergency care for newborns for over  
12 three decades; and

13           WHEREAS, Dr. Vidyasagar effected the regionalization of  
14 perinatal care in the 1970s and 1980s, resulting in improved  
15 perinatal care throughout the Midwestern United States; and

16           WHEREAS, Dr. Vidyasagar's numerous contributions to  
17 research on surfactant usage and meconium aspiration syndrome  
18 have been integral to the advance of treatment in neonatal  
19 pulmonary care over the past quarter century; and

20           WHEREAS, Dr. Vidyasagar established an accredited training  
21 program in neonatal and perinatal medicine and has trained over

1 70 neonatologists currently providing care around the world;  
2 Dr. Vidyasagar has made it his mission to help reduce neonatal  
3 and infant mortality through transfer of technology to  
4 developing countries; he has conducted training sessions and  
5 provided free consultations on the establishment of modern  
6 neonatal intensive care units in nations around the globe  
7 including China, India, Poland, Lithuania, Uzbekistan, and  
8 many others; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Vidyasagar was hired by the University of  
10 Illinois-Chicago in 1974 to establish the Neonatal Intensive  
11 Care Unit at the University of Illinois-Chicago; he became a  
12 full Professor in 1977; he served as head of the Division of  
13 Neonatology for thirty-two years and continues to serve as the  
14 director of the Neonatal-Perinatal Fellowship Program; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Vidyasagar and his wife have three grown  
16 children; his retirement celebration will be held on November  
17 2, 2007; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
20 congratulate Dr. Dharmapuri Vidyasagar on his retirement and  
21 wish him the best in his future endeavors; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Dr. Dharmapuri Vidyasagar as a symbol of our  
2 respect and esteem.