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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate NASA Astronaut Dr.
4 Robert L. Satcher, Jr., on his November of 2009 first flight
5 into space; and

6 WHEREAS, He was born September 22, 1965, in Hampton,
7 Virginia; he is married to the former D'Juanna O. White, MPH,
8 M.D. of New York, New York and they have two children; he
9 enjoys running, scuba diving, and reading; and

10 WHEREAS, He graduated from Denmark-Olar High School in
11 Denmark, South Carolina in 1982; he received a bachelor of
12 science degree in chemical engineering from the Massachusetts
13 Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1986; a doctor of philosophy
14 in chemical engineering from MIT in 1993; a doctorate of
15 medicine degree from Harvard Medical School in 1994; he
16 completed an internship and residency in orthopaedic surgery at
17 the University of California, San Francisco, in 2000; he did
18 postdoctoral research fellowships at MIT in 1994 and at the
19 University of California, Berkeley in 1998; and he completed a
20 fellowship in musculoskeletal oncology at the University of
21 Florida in 2001; and

22 WHEREAS, His professional qualifications include: the

1 American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery; Illinois Medical
2 License; Texas Medical License; Physicians and Surgeon's
3 Certificate; National Board of Medical Examiners; DEA
4 Authorization; Medical Board of California: Physician
5 Assistant Supervisor; California Fluoroscopy X-Ray Supervisor
6 and Operator; ATLS and CPR Certifications; Professional
7 Association of Divers International (SCUBA); and

8 WHEREAS, He has served as an Assistant Professor at The
9 Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University, in the
10 Department of Orthopaedic Surgery; Dr. Satcher also held an
11 appointment as an Attending Physician in Orthopaedic Surgery at
12 Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, specializing in
13 Musculoskeletal Oncology; and has an Adjunct Appointment in The
14 Biomedical Engineering Department at Northeastern University
15 School of Engineering; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Satcher was also a member of the Robert H.
17 Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Institute for
18 Bioengineering and Nanotechnology in Advanced Medicine at
19 Northwestern University; prior to this, he completed clinical
20 fellowships in Musculoskeletal Oncology at the University of
21 Florida; and as Schweitzer Fellow at the Albert Schweitzer
22 Hospital, Lambarene, Gabon; Dr. Satcher also completed
23 numerous medical missions for outreach care to underserved
24 areas in Nicaragua, Venezuela, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, and

1 Gabon; and

2 WHEREAS, His prior experience in engineering includes
3 internships at E.I. DuPont deNemours & Company, Inc.,
4 Wilmington, Delaware, in the Textile Fibers Research Group, and
5 the Polymer Products Division; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Satcher has been active in numerous community
7 organizations including Big Brother for Youth at Risk
8 Counseling Program, Department of Corrections, San Francisco,
9 California; Tutor for Black Student's Union Tutorial Program,
10 MIT; National Society of Black Engineers; American Institute of
11 Chemical Engineering; Supervising Adult for Cub Scout Camp for
12 Boys, Nashville, Tennessee; Open Airways Tutor (asthma
13 awareness); Proctor for Freshman Dormitory at Harvard
14 University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Lay Episcopal Minister
15 (primary responsibility is visiting sick and shut in members of
16 church) at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, Chicago, and at St.
17 James Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas; and

18 WHEREAS, He was selected by NASA in May 2004; in February
19 2006 he completed Astronaut Candidate Training that included
20 scientific and technical briefings, intensive instruction in
21 Shuttle and International Space Station systems, physiological
22 training, T-38 flight training, and water and wilderness
23 survival training; he completed his first flight on STS-129 in

1 November 2009 and has logged over 259 hours in space, including
2 12 hours and 19 minutes in 2 EVAs; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 congratulate Dr. Satcher on his first flight into space and
6 wish him continued success for years to come; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to NASA Astronaut Dr. Robert Satcher, Jr., as a
9 symbol of our respect and esteem.