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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Joan Dawson on
4 her retirement from the University of Illinois at
5 Urbana-Champaign; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Joan Dawson has served as a valuable member of
7 the faculty of the Department of Molecular and Integrative
8 Physiology and the College of Medicine at the University of
9 Illinois at Urbana for 23 years; she was also a member of the
10 faculties of Bioengineering, the Department of Obstetrics and
11 Gynecology at the Urbana campus, and the Department of
12 Pathology at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in
13 Chicago; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Dawson received her B.S. degree in Biology
15 from Columbia University and her Ph.D in Pharmacology from the
16 University of Pennsylvania; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Dawson made major contributions to outreach
18 efforts for the University to K-12 education as founding
19 director of Project SEARCH (Science Education and Research for
20 Children); as an initial organizer and contributor to
21 CHICKSCOPE, a project of the Beckman Institute at the
22 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign which allows K-12

1 students, through Internet access, to access data generated
2 from the latest scientific instruments; and as a board member
3 and officer for the Countryside School in Champaign; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Dawson has been a pioneer in the use of
5 Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) in the study of biological
6 systems, including living organisms; she has made outstanding
7 contributions to the understanding of cell metabolism and
8 function using NMR; she has collaborated with Professor Paul
9 Lauterbur, who received a Nobel prize for adapting NMR for
10 study of living tissues; she published over 50 research papers
11 and reviews and 100 meeting abstracts on her work; and she
12 served on the National Institutes of Health research review
13 panels; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Dawson has received a number of awards for her
15 academic and community service, including the Merit Award from
16 the Central Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology; the Blue
17 Ribbon (Magna cum Laude) for a paper presented to the Society
18 of Magnetic Resonance Imaging in New York; and a Volunteer
19 Service Award from the Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club in
20 Champaign, for Project SEARCH; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Dawson was married to the late Professor Paul
22 Lauterbur, Nobel laureate; and they have one child; therefore,
23 be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate Dr. Joan Dawson on her retirement, thank her for
4 her years of service, and wish her the best in all her future
5 endeavors; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Dr. Joan Dawson as a symbol of our respect and
8 esteem.