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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Robert M. Unger  
4 upon his 64 years of continual service to the dental profession  
5 and to the oral health needs of the citizens of Illinois; and

6           WHEREAS, Dr. Robert M. Unger was born to immigrant parents  
7 in Chicago's Fueller Park neighborhood; he graduated from De La  
8 Salle Institute in 1941; he attended Loyola University and  
9 received his Doctor of Dental Surgery from its Chicago College  
10 of Dental Surgery in 1946; and

11           WHEREAS, Upon completion of his military service he  
12 established a dental practice on the southwest side of Chicago,  
13 serving his patients for over sixty years; Dr. Robert M. Unger  
14 has been married to his wife, Dorothy, for 61 years, and  
15 together they raised seven children in the Garfield Park  
16 neighborhood of Chicago; he has been an active member in the  
17 St. Jane de Chantal Parish where he has served as an usher,  
18 lector, and as a member of numerous committees since 1956; and

19           WHEREAS, Dr. Robert M. Unger was instrumental in the  
20 fluoridation of the water supply in the State and the City of  
21 Chicago; he served in the Chicago Department of Health; and he  
22 provided free dental care to the students of the Lt. Joseph P.

1 Kennedy, Jr., School for the Mentally Challenged; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert M. Unger has served as an officer of  
3 the Englewood Branch of the Chicago Dental Society and as its  
4 President in 1964; he went on to serve as the Councilman of the  
5 Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS), becoming an officer and  
6 serving as the President of the Illinois State Dental Society  
7 from 1972 to 1973; his devotion to the dental profession  
8 continued by his serving as the second Vice President of the  
9 American Dental Association from 1973 to 1974; and as the 8th  
10 District Trustee of the American Dental Association from 1980  
11 to 1986; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert M. Unger's appreciation of the  
13 political process was instrumental in the formation of the  
14 Legislative Interest Committee of Illinois Dentist (LICID); in  
15 the early 1960s he traveled around the State of Illinois for  
16 over two years convincing fellow dentists of the need to be an  
17 active part in the political process; he was a long-term board  
18 member of LICID and the ISDS Governmental Affairs Committee; he  
19 is very proud to see LICID grow and transform into DENT-IL-PAC,  
20 the leading voice in the promotion and protection of the oral  
21 health of the citizens of Illinois; on the national level he  
22 has served as a member of the American Dental Associations  
23 Council on Governmental Affairs and as a member of the American  
24 Dental Political Action Committees; and

1           WHEREAS, Upon his retirement from private practice in 2007,  
2           Dr. Robert M. Unger remains active in organized dentistry and  
3           continues to serve as a mentor to many inside and outside the  
4           profession of dentistry; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6           NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
7           congratulate Dr. Robert M. Unger for his lifetime of continual  
8           service to the profession of dentistry and the citizens of the  
9           State of Illinois; and be it further

10          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11          presented to Dr. Robert M. Unger as a symbol of our respect and  
12          esteem.