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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize the Department of  
4 Neurosurgery at the University of Illinois, Chicago for its  
5 numerous achievements and contributions to the State of  
6 Illinois; and

7           WHEREAS, In September 2007, the Department of Neurosurgery  
8 at the University of Illinois, Chicago formed the only brain  
9 aneurysm support group in the State of Illinois with the  
10 assistance of brain aneurysm survivor Janet Sutherland, nurse  
11 practitioner Kate Walsh, and neurosurgeon Dr. Sepideh  
12 Amin-Hanjani; and

13           WHEREAS, Department Head and Professor Dr. Fady Charbel,  
14 along with his faculty and staff, recognized the need for peer  
15 support during the challenging time of being diagnosed with a  
16 brain aneurysm; they could see that patients were unaware of  
17 the facts and had questions that might remain unanswered; and

18           WHEREAS, According to the Brain Aneurysm Foundation, an  
19 estimated 6 million people in the United States have an  
20 unruptured brain aneurysm, or approximately 1 in 50 people; a  
21 brain aneurysm ruptures every 18 minutes and are fatal in 40%  
22 of cases; and

1           WHEREAS, The UIC Department of Neurosurgery, established  
2           in 1939, ranks first in the State for treating the most  
3           aneurysm cases and understands the need for extraordinary  
4           patient support; the department has demonstrated this through  
5           innovative state of the art treatment as well as its lifesaving  
6           care and compassion for brain aneurysm patients and survivors;  
7           neurosurgeons at UIC have treated more than 4,000 brain  
8           aneurysms and continue to have some of the most skilled  
9           neurosurgeons to treat brain aneurysms; and

10           WHEREAS, The Chicago Chapter of the Brain Aneurysm  
11           Foundation will hold its second annual Survivor in the City  
12           benefit on September 30, 2011; therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14           NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15           we recognize the Department of Neurosurgery at the University  
16           of Illinois, Chicago and their work with brain aneurysm support  
17           groups in the State of Illinois; and be it further

18           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19           presented to the Department of Neurosurgery at the University  
20           of Illinois, Chicago as a symbol of our respect and esteem.