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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Colonel Damon T. Arnold
4 for his service to our nation and for his ongoing commitment to
5 improving the health of the people of the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Colonel Damon Arnold obtained his undergraduate
7 degree from Howard University in Washington, D.C. and his M.D.
8 and M.P.H. Degrees from the University of Illinois in Chicago;
9 he completed his residency in internal medicine at Cook County
10 Hospital, followed by a residency in occupational medicine; he
11 also completed formal training in holistic medicine for
12 therapeutic massage therapy and acupuncture; and

13 WHEREAS, Colonel Damon Arnold serves as the Director of the
14 Public Health Graduate Program at Chicago State University; he
15 also serves as an adjunct professor at the University of
16 Illinois College of Medicine and the School of Public Health;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Colonel Damon Arnold was appointed as the 16th
19 Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health on October
20 1, 2007; during his tenure as Director, he brought millions of
21 dollars to the State of Illinois and was very active on the
22 local, state, and federal levels; and

1 WHEREAS, For 26 years, Colonel Damon Arnold served in the
2 Army National Guard as the Commander of the Joint Medical
3 Command and State Surgeon General for 26 years; he completed 17
4 overseas missions in locations such as Africa, Central America,
5 South America, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia; he functioned
6 as a mechanized infantry Combat Medic as well as a qualified
7 Flight Surgeon on over 80 field operations in Iraq and Kuwait;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Colonel Damon Arnold was awarded the Military
10 Legion of Merit Medal from President Barack Obama for his
11 achievements; he was also awarded 3 Army Commendation Medals
12 for his war-time deployments to Iraq and Kuwait, where he
13 served as the Officer in Charge of battlefield medical
14 operations; he was also the recipient of 2 National Defense
15 Service Medals and numerous battlefield awards; and

16 WHEREAS, Colonel Damon Arnold serves as a member of the
17 Harvard University L.A.M.P.S. Committee, the Institute of
18 Medicine in Washington, D.C., the Association of State and
19 Territorial Health Officials, and many federal-based
20 organizations; he has published many articles and contributed
21 to numerous publications over the years; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we honor Colonel Damon T. Arnold for his service to our nation
3 and for his ongoing commitment to improving the health of the
4 people of the United States and wish him continued success and
5 happiness in the future; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Colonel Damon Arnold as a symbol of our esteem and
8 respect.