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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week
3 (NMLPW) is celebrated annually to recognize the vital role in
4 health care of more than 300,000 medical laboratory
5 professionals and 15,000 board-certified pathologists; and

6 WHEREAS, NMLPW has been observed since 1975; the week
7 honors the dedication and commitment of laboratory
8 professionals to quality patient care; and

9 WHEREAS, The American Society of Clinical Pathologists
10 (ASCP), in order to maintain both academic and clinical
11 competency in the field, has certified more than 450,000
12 individuals since its inception; and

13 WHEREAS, The ASCP Board of Certification (formerly the ASCP
14 Board of Registry) was founded in 1928 and is recognized as the
15 leader in certifying medical laboratory professionals by
16 offering more than 20 different examinations for technicians,
17 technologists, specialists, and diplomates in laboratory
18 management; and

19 WHEREAS, Laboratory professionals, including pathologists,
20 medical technologists, cytotechnologists, histotechnologists,
21 medical technicians, phlebotomists and histological

1 technicians, and cytogeneticists and cytopathologists, are
2 well-educated and highly trained specialists who perform,
3 evaluate, and report the results of laboratory tests in order
4 to detect and diagnose disease and to monitor treatment; and

5 WHEREAS, Laboratory test results comprise 70% of a
6 patient's medical record, and collaboration between
7 laboratories provides a comprehensive record of the patient;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, More than 10 billion laboratory tests are
10 performed annually in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, Laboratory professionals at the University of
12 Chicago Department of Medicine and other quality institutions
13 work behind the scenes of patient care; their expertise and use
14 of state-of-the-art technology are critical components of the
15 health care team that diagnoses diseases, selects treatments,
16 and saves lives; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the week
19 of April 22-28, 2012 as "Medical Laboratory Professionals Week"
20 in the State of Illinois; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That we encourage the people of Illinois to

1 observe Medical Laboratory Professionals Week by recognizing
2 the vital role of medical laboratory professionals to the
3 delivery of quality health care services; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the University of Chicago Medical Laboratory
6 Professionals.