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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Dr.  
4 Quentin Young, who passed away on March 7, 2016 at the age of  
5 92; and

6           WHEREAS, Dr. Quentin Young lived in Chicago's Hyde Park  
7 neighborhood for most of his life and graduated from Hyde Park  
8 High School, where he was active in drama; he later attended  
9 the University of Chicago before serving in the United States  
10 Army during World War II; after getting his bachelor's degree  
11 from the University of Chicago in 1944, he received his medical  
12 degree from Northwestern University in 1947; and

13           WHEREAS, Dr. Quentin Young began his medical training at  
14 Cook County Hospital and remained there until 1952; he then  
15 spent many years as a physician at Michael Reese Hospital on  
16 Chicago's South Side before returning to Cook County Hospital,  
17 where he became Chairman of Medicine in 1972; he remained there  
18 until 1981, working to improve the county public health  
19 system's economic vitality and its ability to help the poor and  
20 downtrodden; and

21           WHEREAS, Dr. Quentin Young maintained a medical practice in  
22 Hyde Park into his mid-80s while keeping busy with many causes;

1 he served as the physician for Martin Luther King, Jr. during  
2 the civil rights leader's many stops in Chicago; he also had  
3 many other notable patients, including Mayor Harold  
4 Washington, columnist Mike Royko, and a young Barack Obama, a  
5 patient in the 1990s with whom he later consulted on health  
6 care policies; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Quentin Young pushed to end discriminatory  
8 practices at Chicago-area hospitals in the 1950s, co-founded  
9 the Medical Committee for Human Rights in the 1960s, marched  
10 for civil rights and against war, and spent decades advocating  
11 for national health care; he was among the volunteers in the  
12 campaign to register black voters during Mississippi's Freedom  
13 Summer in 1964 and participated in one of the historic 1965  
14 marches from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama; as the founder and  
15 national chairman for the Medical Committee for Human Rights,  
16 he led efforts to provide medical care to campaign volunteers,  
17 civil rights workers, and anti-war protesters; he also took  
18 part in a 167-mile, 15-day walk across Illinois to promote  
19 universal health care in August of 2001, at the age of 77; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Quentin Young was president of the Chicago  
21 Board of Health and the American Public Health Association and  
22 a co-founder of the Health and Medicine Policy Research Group;  
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1           WHEREAS, Dr. Quentin Young was preceded in death by his  
2 second wife, Ruth; and

3           WHEREAS, Dr. Quentin Young is survived by his children,  
4 Polly, Michael, Ethan, Nancy, and Barbara; his stepchildren,  
5 William Weaver and Karen Weaver; and his nine grandchildren;  
6 therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we, along with his family and friends, mourn the passing of Dr.  
10 Quentin Young; and be it further

11           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Dr. Quentin Young as an expression  
13 of our sympathy.