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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to recognize milestones in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, On Friday, August 15, 2008, the Urban Health Program will host a dinner to launch the 30th Anniversary Campaign of the Urban Health Program (UHP) which will be held at the Oak Brook Hills, Marriott Resort in Oak Brook; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, the Illinois State Legislature recommended that the University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Medicine design a program tailored to recruit underrepresented populations to the world of medicine; and

WHEREAS, House Resolution 944 expanded educational opportunities in the health professions which provided access and support for 100 physicians seeking students per year; the goal of HR944 was to provide recruitment priorities to low-income, inner city minority students; and

WHEREAS, Thirty years later the Urban Health Program has graduated thousands of Medical Doctors and national statistics note that the program at UIC graduates more Black, Latino, and Native American health professionals than any other

1 institutions in the country, other than a few select,  
2 historically Black universities; and

3 WHEREAS, This event is just the starting point to recognize  
4 the 30 years of service that UHP has provided to students of  
5 color in the health professions; the campaign theme,  
6 "Developing Our Future, Connecting our Past: Improving Life One  
7 Person at a Time", will resonate throughout all of the  
8 program's activities during the 2009 calendar year; therefore,  
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12 congratulate all the people who have been involved over the  
13 years with the Urban Health Program and wish them the best as  
14 they celebrate this special anniversary; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the 30th Anniversary Committee for the Urban  
17 Health Program as a symbol of our respect.