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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Antonio Ramos on the occasion of his retirement; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Antonio Ramos was born on November 9, 1925, in the small rural town of Ramos Arizpe, Coahuila, Mexico; as the middle child of 6 children in a very humble family, he always worked to excel in his school studies; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Antonio Ramos graduated from the University of Mexico City as a medical doctor in surgery in 1950; he entered the United States the following year with only \$20 in his pocket; because his medical degree was not recognized in the United States, one of his first jobs was working for the Nabisco Company, where he cleaned cooking sheets; he also worked in the fields in Wisconsin picking tomatoes before he was approved for an internship at Holy Cross Hospital from 1951 to 1952; after his internship, he undertook his residency in general surgery at Grace Hospital in Welsh, West Virginia from 1952 to 1958; and

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WHEREAS, After returning to Chicago, Dr. Antonio Ramos performed another residency at Hines Veterans Hospital, which was then part of Loyola University, from 1961 to 1966; while at

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1 Hines, he received high standards for general surgery; during  
2 this time, he received his master's degree from the University  
3 of Illinois after being promoted to the program by his  
4 professors; and

5 WHEREAS, Before he finished his residency, Dr. Antonio  
6 Ramos started his own private practice on Milwaukee Avenue in  
7 Chicago; he then moved his practice to Ashland Avenue in the  
8 Lakeview neighborhood, where he spent 20 years developing his  
9 practice; during this time, he worked for the Chicago  
10 Blackhawks as a team doctor and an active surgeon for the team;  
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12 WHEREAS, Following his dream to help the residents of the  
13 Pilsen community, Dr. Antonio Ramos opened his clinic on 19th  
14 and Blue Island in Chicago in August of 1987, where he has  
15 worked with his wife, Dr. Ana Laura Ramos, ever since; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Antonio Ramos has been an active member of  
17 many community service organizations throughout his  
18 professional life; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Antonio Ramos is fondly known throughout the  
20 Pilsen community as "el doctor del barrio" (the doctor of the  
21 community); therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3           we congratulate Dr. Antonio Ramos on the occasion of his  
4           retirement and wish him many happy and healthy retirement  
5           years; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7           presented to Dr. Antonio Ramos as a symbol of our esteem and  
8           respect.