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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to thank Ryan Finkenbine, M.D. for his service to the Illinois Psychiatric Society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Finkenbine is currently the Chair and Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Finkenbine is the President-elect of the Illinois Psychiatric Society and has been a leader in advocating for Peoria-area psychiatric and mental illness patients; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Finkenbine oversees the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine's growth and development in its goal to provide excellent clinical care, education, and research at UIC College of Medicine in Peoria; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his administrative responsibilities, Dr. Finkenbine maintains an active forensic practice; over the past decade, he has conducted or coordinated hundreds of criminal and civil forensic evaluations; all types of legal cases requiring expert psychiatric testimony are

1 comprehensively assessed to provide accurate, credible
2 opinions to referring parties; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Finkenbine is a graduate of Wittenberg
4 University and the Indiana University School of Medicine; he
5 completed his internship and residency in psychiatry at the
6 Medical University of South Carolina and then received advanced
7 training in forensic psychiatry at the University of South
8 Carolina School of Medicine; after holding positions at
9 hospitals in Alaska and South Carolina, he took an academic
10 position at West Virginia University in Morgantown, where, as
11 Director of the general psychiatry residency training program,
12 he was honored as a five-time recipient of the Best Faculty
13 Teacher award by his residents; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Finkenbine was also the Director of an
15 ACGME-accredited Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship that he
16 started in 1999; he was nationally recognized as the Best
17 Teacher in Forensic Psychiatry by the American Academy of
18 Psychiatry and the Law for his innovative and successful
19 educational programs; as a leader in the area of forensic
20 psychiatry, he has been invited to present at dozens of CME and
21 CLE approved activities, including as a Distinguished Visiting
22 Professor; he was an Adjunct Lecturer at the West Virginia
23 College of Law and served on the West Virginia Governor's
24 Sexually Violent Predator Task force and on the State

1 Comprehensive Behavior Health Commission Work Group; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Finkenbine is a member of the American
3 Psychiatric Association; he is licensed in Illinois and is
4 Board Certified in general and forensic psychiatry; therefore,
5 be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 thank Ryan Finkenbine, M.D. for his service to the Illinois
9 Psychiatric Society and we congratulate him on being selected
10 as the new President; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Dr. Finkenbine as an expression of our esteem and
13 respect.