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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Pharmacists serve as an immediate link between the patient and the healthcare industry; citizens turn to and trust pharmacists to provide them with their prescribed medications, as well as healthcare information regarding the usage and safety precautions of both prescription and non-prescription therapies; and

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WHEREAS, Pharmacists practice in a variety of settings, including local communities, hospitals, long-term care facilities, the pharmaceutical industry, managed care programs, academia, and government; and

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WHEREAS, In order for someone to become a pharmacist, he or she must complete extensive education and training; individuals must obtain a Doctor of Pharmacy degree and pass a National Board examination in order to legally practice as a licensed pharmacist in this country; this education and training ensures that pharmacists are the medication therapy experts in the healthcare industry; and

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WHEREAS, There are currently over 12,000 pharmacists practicing and residing in the State of Illinois, and each one of them is dedicated to providing services that seek to improve and optimize medication use and advance patient care;

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1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we recognize March 16, 2011 as "Pharmacy Legislative Day" in
5 the State of Illinois, giving Illinois Pharmacists the
6 opportunity to continue their work with the General Assembly to
7 advance issues of healthcare; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That "Pharmacy Legislative Day" will give
9 Illinois Pharmacists a better opportunity to share dialogue
10 with the members of the General Assembly in efforts to advance
11 issues of healthcare, improve healthcare access to all Illinois
12 citizens, seek policies for improved efficiency, and control
13 the rising costs of healthcare for all patients, while ensuring
14 appropriate compensation for patient healthcare services.