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1   HOUSE RESOLUTION

2   WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3   Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Arun C. Pinto
4   on his retirement from the Human Service Center after 14 years
5   as the Senior Vice President and Corporate Medical Director;
6   and

7   WHEREAS, For more than a decade, Dr. Pinto has concurrently
8   served as the Medical Director for several organizations,
9   including the Human Service Center, the Children's Home
10   Association of Illinois, and the Peoria County Adult and
11   Juvenile Detention Center; he previously served as the Medical
12   Director of Methodist Medical Center's Department of
13   Psychiatry, where he was also the Chairman of the Department of
14   Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine; and

15   WHEREAS, Dr. Pinto graduated from St. Xavier's College in
16   1966 and Seth G.S. Medical College in 1974; he completed
17   internships with K.E.M. Hospital in Mumbai, India and Cook
18   County Hospital in Chicago; he completed his residency in adult
19   psychiatry and a fellowship in child psychiatry at Tulane
20   University Affiliated Hospitals in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

21   WHEREAS, Dr. Pinto served as an Assistant Professor and
22   Clinical Instructor at Tulane Medical School from 1975 until

1   1980; since 1980, he has served his community by offering his
2   leadership and expertise as a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry
3   and Behavioral Medicine at the University of Illinois College
4   of Medicine; and

5   WHEREAS, Dr. Pinto is currently a Board Member of the
6   Illinois Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness
7   (NAMI) and a Council Member of the Illinois Psychiatric
8   Society; he also serves on the Central IL Coalition for Mental
9   Health Recovery; and

10   WHEREAS, Dr. Pinto was named a Distinguished Fellow by the
11   American Psychiatric Association, was awarded the University
12   of Illinois Community Health Award, and received the Pathways
13   Award for Advocacy in recognition for his extraordinary
14   commitment to the behavioral health of the community; he
15   received further recognition from NAMI with an Exemplary
16   Psychiatrist Award and the Hero's in the Fight Award, which he
17   received twice; and

18   WHEREAS, Dr. Pinto was instrumental in numerous community
19   reforms, including the Peoria County Mental Health Court, the
20   establishment of a psychiatric residency at the University of
21   Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria, and the development of
22   a Crisis Center for decompensating and substance-afflicted
23   individuals; and

1   WHEREAS, Dr. Pinto impacted important state-wide mental
2 health statutory reforms, including empowering families to
3 initiate involuntary commitment of decompensating family
4 members and legislation that enables college students to sign a
5 confidentiality waiver allowing parents to be notified in the
6 event of a mental health issue while at an institution of
7 higher learning; and

8   WHEREAS, Dr. Pinto was born in Mumbai, India on April 14,
9 1949; his parents, as well as three of his five siblings, are
10 physicians; he married Mary Jo Lehnhausen in 1977 and became a
11 United States citizen on September 24, 1982; he and his wife
12 are active in St. Thomas Parish; they are the parents of Navin
13 (Jennifer) Pinto, Kiran (Cory Morris) Pinto, and Anjali Pinto
14 and the grandparents of Elly and Frances Pinto; he enjoys
15 spending time with his family and friends and looks forward to
16 spending his retirement cooking elaborate meals and traveling
17 the globe; and

18   WHEREAS, Dr. Pinto is highly respected and deeply loved by
19 his family and all who know him; therefore, be it

20   RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
22 congratulate Dr. Arun Pinto, and we wish him the best of luck

1   in his retirement; and be it further

2   RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3   presented to Dr. Pinto as an expression of our esteem and
4   respect.