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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Dr. Yagnesh Oza on the
4 occasion of being the recipient of the 2007 Illinois Rural
5 Physician of Excellence Award; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Yagnesh Oza was born in Surat, India on
7 September 23, 1951; he received his M.B.B.S. from the
8 University of Baroda in Baroda, India in March 1976; he
9 interned with the Norwegian American Hospital in Chicago from
10 January 1977 to June 1977, followed by his residency at V.A.
11 Hines Hospital in Hines from 1977 to 1980 and his fellowship at
12 V.A. Hines Hospital from 1980 to 1982; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Yagnesh Oza worked for the University of
14 Illinois' Abraham Lincoln School of Medicine in Chicago as an
15 assistant in medicine from 1979 to 1980 and as an instructor in
16 medicine from 1979 to 1997; he currently serves as an assistant
17 clinical professor with the Department of Internal Medicine of
18 the St. Louis University Health Sciences Center, a position he
19 has held since January 1995; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Yagnesh Oza is board certified with the
21 American Board of Geriatric Medicine, the American Board of
22 Medical Oncology, and the American Board of Internal Medicine,

1 and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Hospice and
2 Palliative Medicine; he holds memberships with the American
3 Medical Association, the American Society of Clinical
4 Oncology, and the Illinois Medical Oncology Society, and is a
5 Fellow with the American College of Physicians; he has held
6 various appointments with the Comprehensive Cancer Center, the
7 Good Samaritan Hospital, the Hospice of Good Samaritan
8 Hospital, the American Cancer Society of Jefferson County, the
9 Jefferson-Hamilton County Medical Society, the American
10 College of Surgeons Commission, the National Cancer Institute,
11 and the Southwest Oncology Group; and he has co-authored 4
12 articles on various diseases and their effects; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Yagnesh Oza was awarded a Certificate of Merit
14 by the Ministry of Education from the Indian government in
15 recognition of his work; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Yagnesh Oza has been an active member in his
17 community; he sponsored and organized yearly Hospice lectures
18 for medical professionals associated with the Hospice
19 programs; he established a call-in radio program for medical
20 inquiries, which aired from 1989 to 1990; he conducted various
21 educational seminars for medical professionals and the general
22 public regarding medical oncology and hematology; and he
23 sponsored free Thanksgiving dinners for needy people from 1990
24 to 1997; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Yagnesh Oza's dedication to the medical
2 profession and his willingness to serve his community makes him
3 a model for the people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be
4 it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 congratulate Dr. Yagnesh Oza for receiving the 2007 Illinois
8 Rural Physician of Excellence Award and wish him continued
9 success and happiness in the future; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Dr. Yagnesh Oza as a symbol of our esteem and
12 respect.