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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Eric Jakobsson  
4 on his retirement from the University of Illinois at  
5 Urbana-Champaign; and

6           WHEREAS, Dr. Eric Jakobsson served the University of  
7 Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in exemplary fashion for 39 years  
8 in the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology; the  
9 National Center for Supercomputing Applications;  
10 Bioengineering; the Center for Biophysics and Computational  
11 Biology; the Department of Biochemistry; the Neuroscience  
12 Program; and the Beckman Institute as a researcher, teacher,  
13 and administrator; and

14           WHEREAS, Dr. Jakobsson received his B.A from Columbia  
15 College, his B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Columbia  
16 University School of Engineering, and his Ph.D. in physics from  
17 Dartmouth College; in addition, he received postdoctoral  
18 training at Case Western Reserve University in physiology; and

19           WHEREAS, Dr. Jakobsson has made major contributions  
20 nationally in research administration in computational biology  
21 as the first Director of the Center for Bioinformatics and  
22 Computational Biology at the National Institute of General

1 Medical Sciences in the National Institutes of Health, which  
2 supported research that joins biology with computer science,  
3 engineering, mathematics, and physics; in that capacity he  
4 chaired the National Institutes of Health Biomedical  
5 Information Science and Technology Initiative Consortium and  
6 participated broadly in planning related to computational  
7 biology; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Jakobsson has been an outstanding teacher and  
9 mentor, receiving the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
10 Advising Award, being named to the Incomplete List of Excellent  
11 Teachers, and being nominated for the College of Liberal Arts  
12 and Sciences Teaching Award; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Jakobsson is an exceptional scientist who is  
14 studying the biology of ion channels, which among other things  
15 underlie all nervous activity and the transport of ions across  
16 membranes, by state-of-the-art computational and bioinformatic  
17 approaches; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Jakobsson has lectured nationally and  
19 internationally on his research; he has received continuous  
20 funding for his research from the National Science Foundation  
21 and the National Institutes of Health; he has served on many  
22 national review panels, and has published his work in more than  
23 100 peer-reviewed manuscripts; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Jakobsson was elected as a Fellow of the  
2 American Physical Society; Dr. Jakobsson has been active in  
3 administrative functions at the University of Illinois,  
4 serving as Director of the Bioengineering Program, Director of  
5 the Center for Biophysics and Computational Biology, and  
6 Director of the National Center for Design of Biomimetic  
7 Nanoconductors; and

8           WHEREAS, Dr. Jakobsson is married to Illinois State  
9 Representative Naomi Jakobsson; together, they are the proud  
10 parents of eight children, two by birth and six by adoption;  
11 they have also been foster parents to many children; in  
12 addition, they are the doting grandparents of eleven  
13 grandchildren who will happily be a part of Dr. Jakobsson's  
14 retirement plans; therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
16 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
17 congratulate Dr. Eric Jakobsson on his retirement, thank him  
18 for his years of service, and wish him the best in all his  
19 future endeavors; and be it further

20           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to Dr. Eric Jakobsson as a symbol of our respect and  
22 esteem.