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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Anthony A.
4 Kopera on the occasion of his retirement as Chief Executive of
5 the Community Counseling Centers of Chicago; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Anthony Kopera earned his Ph.D. in psychology
7 from Loyola University in 1974; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Anthony Kopera has served as Chief Executive
9 of the Community Counseling Centers of Chicago (C4) since 1980;
10 prior to his tenure at C4, he served as an associate professor
11 of psychology at Northeastern Illinois University; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Anthony Kopera's longtime leadership in
13 community-based behavioral health and substance abuse services
14 has been instrumental in the creation of a system which is now
15 considered a model for progressive public policy throughout the
16 State; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Kopera's tireless leadership of countless
18 civic and local business organizations has helped to build a
19 sense of community throughout the North Side of Chicago and
20 enabled local individuals and neighborhoods to become
21 revitalized and thrive; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Anthony Kopera has served on a variety of task
2 forces since 1980; he has worked on special focus groups in the
3 areas of community mental health, children's services, family
4 services for the Office of the Governor, and policy and
5 advocacy groups; his current board memberships include Mental
6 Health Corporations of America, where he has been a member
7 since 1994 and served as Board Chair from 2009 to 2010; he has
8 served as Vice Chairperson of Uptown United since 2006 and as
9 Chairperson of Community Partners since 2006; he has served as
10 Chairperson of the Community Behavioral Healthcare
11 Association's (CBHA) Public Policy Committee since 1997;
12 during the 1980s, he served as a board member and board
13 president with the Illinois Association of Community Mental
14 Health Agencies (now CBHA); and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Anthony Kopera was the 1990 recipient of the
16 Ellen T. Quinn Memorial Award for leadership in the quality and
17 provision of mental health services in Illinois; he was also
18 awarded the W. Clement Stone Business Award by the Uptown
19 Chamber of Commerce for outstanding contribution to the growth
20 and development of the Uptown community; and

21 WHEREAS, On December 5, 2011, Dr. Anthony Kopera received
22 the CBHA 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award for his "meritorious
23 service and demonstrated commitment to consumers, families,

1 the field, and the behavioral healthcare community in Illinois,
2 Chicago, and across the country, as well as his years of
3 nationally recognized leadership" at C4; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Anthony Kopera serves as a model of hard work,
5 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
6 Illinois; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate Dr. Anthony A. Kopera on the occasion of his
10 retirement, thank him for his tireless service and advocacy,
11 and wish him and his wife, Elaine, the happiest of times
12 enjoying his retirement; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Dr. Anthony Kopera as a symbol of our esteem and
15 respect.