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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate James E. Tierney on  
4 his retirement as Vice-President, State Legislative Affairs of  
5 the Illinois State Medical Society; and

6           WHEREAS, The Illinois State Medical Society is the  
7 statewide professional organization that represents and  
8 unifies its physician members before State government as they  
9 practice the science and art of medicine in Illinois; since its  
10 inception in June of 1840, the Society continues to represent  
11 the interests of physicians from all specialties and practice  
12 types, advocate for patients and promote the doctor/patient  
13 relationship, the ethical practice of medicine, and the  
14 betterment of the public health; and

15           WHEREAS, Before his 36 year tenure with the Illinois State  
16 Medical Society, James Tierney began his career in State  
17 government as a clerk at the Office of the Secretary of State;  
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19           WHEREAS, James Tierney joined the Illinois State Medical  
20 Society in 1981 as a lobbyist; during his career with the  
21 Society, he advanced to the position of the Chief lobbyist by  
22 becoming Vice-President, State Legislative Affairs in 1993;

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2 WHEREAS, As the Illinois State Medical Society's Chief  
3 lobbyist, James Tierney directed all legislative and  
4 governmental affairs activities and served as liaison for  
5 members of the Society with elected officials and  
6 representatives of administrative agencies, departments, and  
7 the constitutional officers of the State of Illinois; and

8 WHEREAS, James Tierney served as the Speaker of the  
9 Illinois Third House in 1998; and

10 WHEREAS, James Tierney has taken part in negotiations on  
11 some of the most important issues affecting physicians,  
12 patients, and the delivery of health care to the citizens of  
13 Illinois, such as physician and other professional licensing  
14 and disciplinary laws, establishing the experimental organ  
15 transplantation program, providing and revising advance  
16 directives for citizens to help plan for their health care  
17 needs, managed care laws, civil liability laws, and public  
18 health laws; and

19 WHEREAS, James Tierney always a gentleman faithfully and  
20 effectively advocated for Illinois physicians and has lead  
21 numerous coalitions of medical specialties and other groups  
22 representing health care professionals in negotiations on

1 several different issues affecting the betterment of public  
2 health throughout the years earning him the honorary title of  
3 "Doctor Tierney" from many physician leaders in Illinois; and

4 WHEREAS, Besides his diligent pursuit of lobbying on behalf  
5 of organized medicine, James Tierney is known for his  
6 excellence in the game of golf; he has been a member of the  
7 Medinah Country Club since 2003 and continues to compete in  
8 golf competitions at Medinah; while he excels at golf, he  
9 demonstrates his good nature by bestowing his advice and  
10 counsel upon the less talented golfers that are fortunate  
11 enough to play with him; and

12 WHEREAS, James Tierney is a graduate of Mater Dei High  
13 School in Breese and the University of Illinois at  
14 Urbana-Champaign; he has two sisters and numerous relatives  
15 that he looks forward to visiting, including many nieces and  
16 nephews; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
19 congratulate James E. Tierney on his retirement as  
20 Vice-President, State Legislative Affairs of the Illinois  
21 State Medical Society and wish him the best in all of his  
22 future endeavors; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to James Tierney as an expression of our esteem and  
3 respect.