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**RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE DEDICATION OF A NEW HOSPITAL
AT UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS MEDICAL CENTER**

WHEREAS, On June 13, 2011, the University of Illinois Medical Center celebrates the grand opening of Children's Hospital University of Illinois, a hospital within a hospital; and

WHEREAS, The 101-bed pediatric hospital includes 10 centers comprised of 24 pediatric medical-surgical beds, 12 pediatric intensive care beds, and 10 pediatric step-down beds. The 55-bed neonatal intensive care unit includes 30 Level III NICU beds, the highest care designation that can be awarded; and


WHEREAS, The ten centers include Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center, the only state and federally funded program of its kind in Illinois that treats children; "TIKES," Thriving Illinois Kids Engagement System, a medical home model of clinical care, education and research to improve the social capital of children in Illinois; a Pediatric Renal Transplantation team comprised of surgical transplantation and pediatric nephrologists; a Center for Pediatric Lung Research involved in basic and translational research in neonatal and pediatric lung diseases; a Neonatology Intensive Care Unit, providing state-of-the-art care designated as a Regional Perinatal Center; a Long-term Survivors of Childhood Cancer Clinic and follow-up program which is the site for the national Children's Oncology Group; a Pediatric Diabetes Program, collaborating with federally-funded researchers and the division of endocrinology; a Center for Neonatal and Pediatric Gastrointestinal Diseases, engaged in basic and translational research on the development and immunology of diseases such as neonatal necrotizing enterocolitis; a Center for Pediatric Neurological and Developmental Disorders, focused on pediatric epilepsy, headache, narcolepsy, and developmental disorders and a Pediatric Asthma, providing outstanding care to children with asthma, conducting clinical studies and partnering with the department of medicine in providing care to young adults with asthma; and

WHEREAS, For more than three-quarters of a century, University of Illinois Medical Center pediatricians have been dedicated to addressing preventable childhood illnesses and complex childhood diseases through clinical care and research to improve the health status of all children. Children's Hospital University of Illinois will now bring this dedicated staff together under one umbrella with enough resources to provide comprehensive, multi-disciplinary care to children and, in particular, those who are underserved; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Daniel S. Solis, Alderman of the 25th Ward wherein the Children's Hospital University of Illinois is located, has apprised this august body of the University of Illinois Medical Center's newest healthcare initiative; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council gathered together this 8th Day of June, 2011 AD, do hereby congratulate the University of Illinois Medical Center on the grand opening of the Children's Hospital University of Illinois and extend our very best wishes for continued success in fulfilling its vital and important mission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and given to the Children's Hospital University of Illinois.


DANIEL S. SOLIS
Alderman – 25th Ward