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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Roger Wujek on receiving the 2018 Rural Physician of Excellence Award from the Illinois Rural Health Association; and

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WHEREAS, One of the biggest healthcare challenges across our nation is the shortage of physicians who practice in rural settings; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Wujek graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine's charter class of 1976; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Wujek completed his residency in Family Practice in 1979 at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Wujek was a founding member of the Litchfield Family Practice Center (LFPC); over the past 40 years, he has worked with his colleagues to build their practice into a thriving rural health clinic; they offer an after-hours walk-in clinic known as Prime Time, a third party National Reference Laboratory, and a full-time family practice office; and

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WHEREAS, In addition to Dr. Wujek's service to his community, he is dedicated to our country; he served in the

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1 U.S. Air Force Reserve for 20 years as a flight surgeon and was
2 on active duty in the Gulf War; after serving as a commander,
3 he was promoted to the rank of colonel; he has received the
4 USAF Achievement Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the
5 Legion of Merit Medal; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Wujek understands the importance of
7 encouraging young people to pursue careers in rural healthcare,
8 not only in his role as an instructor to medical students, but
9 as a mentor to local high school students, working to cultivate
10 their interest in healthcare; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Wujek has been an active member of the board
12 of directors of St. Francis Hospital for nearly a decade and
13 currently serves as the Executive Director of Medical Affairs;
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15 WHEREAS, Dr. Wujek provides free skin cancer screenings
16 every year to his local farming community as part of the St.
17 Francis' Annual Farm Family Day; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Wujek has been active in his community
19 throughout his medical career and has volunteered his time with
20 the Boy Scouts, the Ronald McDonald House, the Regional Health
21 Education Center, and the Montgomery County Board of Health;
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1 WHEREAS, Dr. Wujek has made improving healthcare delivery
2 in rural areas a family priority, not only with the support of
3 his wife, but also through his son, Dan, and daughter,
4 Michelle; and

5 WHEREAS, Whether he is flying overhead or more grounded in
6 his daily practice, Dr. Wujek has made a huge impact in
7 improving rural healthcare in south central Illinois;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 congratulate Dr. Roger Wujek on receiving the 2018 Rural
12 Physician of Excellence Award and commend him for his over 40
13 years of selfless service and dedication to his patients; and
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Dr. Wujek as a symbol of our respect and esteem.