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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Reid Sutton for
4 receiving the "2012 Rural Physician of Excellence Award" from
5 the Illinois Rural Health Association; and

6 WHEREAS, After completing his residency at Michael Reese
7 Hospital in Chicago, Dr. Sutton began his service to rural
8 residents in Edgar County when he joined the staff at Paris
9 Community Hospital/Family Medical Center in 1977; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Sutton's involvement in improving the health
11 care of those in his community has been far reaching; and

12 WHEREAS, Due to the expertise and knowledge Dr. Sutton has
13 developed over the years, he currently serves as the Medical
14 Director for the Special Care Unit and the Cardiac
15 Rehabilitation Unit and is the Chief of Medical Staff for
16 PCH/FMC; and

17 WHEREAS, In order for local residents to have access to
18 non-emergency care on the weekends, Dr. Sutton serves as
19 collaborating physician to advanced practice nurses and a
20 supervising physician to physician assistants so that weekend
21 hours can be provided at a local care clinic; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Sutton is the only certified Medical Review
2 Officer in his community and works closely with area employers
3 to ensure the validity of their employee drug testing programs;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The senior population in Edgar County is much
6 higher than the State and national averages; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Sutton has a special place in his heart for
8 the community's most vulnerable citizens by serving as medical
9 director at several local assisted living centers and nursing
10 homes and always making extra time to ensure the area's senior
11 residents get the utmost in quality care; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Sutton also devotes many hours of service to
13 the Austin Home, a local home for developmentally disabled
14 adults; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Sutton provides health education to his
16 community; he is a frequent speaker at community forums, as
17 well as providing special expertise and moral support to local
18 caregiver groups on topics such as dementia and Alzheimer's
19 disease; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we commend Dr. Sutton for his selfless service to his community
3 and the impact he has made on improving rural health over the
4 past 35 years; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Dr. Sutton as a symbol of our respect and esteem.