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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

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

9           WHEREAS, After completing his residency at Tulsa Regional  
10 Hospital, Dr. Garrett joined Richland Memorial Hospital's  
11 emergency department in 1984; and

12           WHEREAS, After having gone 2 years without a physician, the  
13 village of West Salem held fundraisers to open a clinic, which  
14 Dr. Garrett was able to staff in June 1984; he opened a second  
15 clinic in Olney in 1999; and

16           WHEREAS, Dr. Garrett was among the first physicians in the  
17 area to recognize the importance of fulfilling the healthcare  
18 needs of rural America through the use of Physician Assistants  
19 and Nurse Practitioners; and

20           WHEREAS, Dr. Garrett serves as a preceptor in family

1 practice for students going through the SIU Physician Assistant  
2 program; he serves as the medical director of the intensive  
3 care unit at Richland Memorial Hospital; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Garrett has become an integral part of the  
5 Richland and Edwards county communities' over the past quarter  
6 of a century; he is not only known for his medical expertise,  
7 but for his exceptional bedside manner as well; he not only  
8 never forgets a patient's name, he never forgets their favorite  
9 sports team either; and

10 WHEREAS, The word "hopeless" does not seem to be in Dr.  
11 Garrett's vocabulary, always going the extra mile to explore  
12 every possible treatment option; he has a special place in his  
13 heart for the community's most vulnerable citizens, always  
14 making extra time to ensure that the area's senior residents  
15 get the utmost in quality care; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 we commend Dr. Garrett for his selfless service to his  
19 community and the impact he has made on the improving rural  
20 health over the past 30 years; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That that a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to Dr. Garrett as a symbol of our respect and esteem.