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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Penelope Tippy
4 for receiving the 2012 Rural Physician of Excellence Award from
5 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, Dr. Tippy earned her medical degree from the
10 University of Illinois School of Medicine in 1974 and completed
11 her residency at Wilson Memorial Hospital in New York; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Tippy became board certified in family
13 practice medicine; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Tippy returned to her hometown of West
15 Frankfort to practice and eventually became the Medical
16 Director at the SIU Family Practice Centers in Carbondale,
17 Sesser, and West Frankfort; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1982, Dr. Tippy joined the faculty at the SIU
19 School of Medicine; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1984, Dr. Tippy was named the director of the
2 SIU Family Practice Residency Program, where she went on to
3 establish a specialized rural residency program to insure that
4 residents were introduced to the challenges and rewards of
5 practicing with rural populations; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Tippy serves as the Medical Director for
7 Physician Assistant Programs for SIU, as well as St. Louis
8 University; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Tippy serves as an advisor on the SIU's Center
10 for Rural Health and Social Service Development Advisory Board;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Tippy worked to secure funds to establish the
13 SIU School of Medicine's Care-A-Van, which travels to area high
14 schools to provide mobile health care to teenagers; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Tippy has made a huge impact on improving
16 access to health care for rural residents in Southern Illinois
17 through all the physicians and physician assistants that she
18 has trained that remained in the area to practice locally;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we commend Dr. Tippy for her selfless service to her community
2 and for the impact she has made on the improving rural health
3 over the past 30 years; and be it further

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