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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Philip Siefken  
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. Siefken earned his medical degree from the  
10 University of Illinois School of Medicine in Peoria in 1990,  
11 and completed his residency at Methodist Hospital of Indiana;  
12 he became board certified in pediatrics and internal medicine;  
13 and

14           WHEREAS, After practicing medicine in Indianapolis,  
15 Indiana, Dr. Siefken returned to his hometown of Greenville in  
16 2006 to practice in a rural setting and joined Greenville  
17 Medical Associates and Greenville Regional Hospital; he is the  
18 only pediatrician in Bond County and the surrounding area,  
19 making him in a precious resource for everyone; and

20           WHEREAS, Rather than dreading the doctor's office,  
21 children in Bond County actually look forward to seeing Dr.

1 Siefken because of his gentle manner and specially designed  
2 farm and jungle-themed examination rooms; and

3 WHEREAS In 2009, Dr. Siefken became Medical Staff President  
4 at Greenville Regional Hospital; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Siefken often makes house calls to insure that  
6 patients who cannot travel to his office do not go without  
7 care; he often volunteers in his community including at his  
8 alma mater, Greenville College, where he recently assisted in  
9 teaching a human cadaver anatomy course; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12 we commend Dr. Siefken for his selfless service to the  
13 community and the impact he has made on improving the health of  
14 those who live in rural areas; and be it further

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