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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Dr. John Roth on the  
4 occasion of his retirement and thank him for his countless  
5 years of service to the Morris community; and

6           WHEREAS, Dr. Roth was born on June 23, 1940 in Morris; he  
7 knew from the time he was a young boy that he would be a doctor,  
8 just as his father was; and

9           WHEREAS, At just 24 years old, Dr. Roth graduated from the  
10 University of Illinois College of Medicine; he completed  
11 medical school in just 3 years, rather than the typical 4  
12 years; and

13           WHEREAS, Dr. Roth interned for a year at Denver General  
14 Hospital and treated his patients like royalty; while at Denver  
15 General Hospital, he met a young nurse named Judie, who later  
16 became his wife; and

17           WHEREAS, Dr. Roth was drafted to Vietnam after his intern  
18 year; after serving, he returned to Denver to St. Joseph  
19 Hospital for a 3-year residency; after finishing his residency,  
20 he returned home to Morris to practice medicine; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Roth always knew he was meant to be a doctor  
2 but was unsure what kind he wanted to be; he thought after his  
3 time in Vietnam that he would like to be a surgeon; however,  
4 his father said that if there was a crisis, they would need an  
5 obstetrician; the Morris community needed an obstetrician, so  
6 that is what he chose to become; and

7           WHEREAS, Obstetrics was a perfect fit for Dr. Roth because  
8 it still allowed him to perform surgery; and

9           WHEREAS, Dr. Roth was there for the Morris Hospital and  
10 Healthcare Centers when an expectant mother was in crisis; and

11           WHEREAS, Dr. Roth has delivered more than 8,000 babies in  
12 43 years and believes, at the age of 74, it is time for him to  
13 retire; he has said he is leaving the field in good hands and  
14 is thrilled to be doing so; and

15           WHEREAS, When Dr. Roth returned to Morris, he was the first  
16 and only doctor practicing obstetrics; he has paved the way for  
17 many more doctors to practice in the Morris community; and

18           WHEREAS, Dr. Roth has set high standards and is described  
19 by all as both genuine and caring; he will be greatly missed by  
20 all of the patients that have had the pleasure of his service;  
21 and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Roth serves as an example of a hardworking,  
2           passionate, and dedicated member of the Morris community; his  
3           work throughout his career has benefited many; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5           NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
6           thank Dr. John Roth for his many years of service, congratulate  
7           him on the occasion of his retirement, and wish him all the  
8           best in his future endeavors; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10          presented to Dr. Roth as an expression of our congratulations  
11          and appreciation for a job well done.