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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Patricia Johnson,
4 M.D. on receiving the 2022 Rural Physician Lifetime of Service
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, especially oncologists; and

9 WHEREAS, After receiving doctoral degrees in both
10 philosophy and microbiology from the University of Illinois in
11 1974, Dr. Johnson earned her medical degree from Rush Medical
12 College in 1977; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson completed her residency in internal
14 medicine at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital in 1980 and
15 her fellowship there in oncology in 1982; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson has been serving patients in central
17 Illinois since 1982 when she began her work with Carle; and

18 WHEREAS, Since 1991, Dr. Johnson has provided oncology
19 services to Gibson Area Hospital and Health Systems, where she
20 has treated several generations of many families; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson has made treating rural cancer
2 patients a top priority and feels it is important for them not
3 to have to travel far for specialty care during their most
4 challenging times; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson also serves as the medical director
6 of Iroquois Memorial Hospice; and

7 WHEREAS, In addition to patient care, Dr. Johnson has held
8 various leadership positions with the American Cancer Society,
9 the Carle Foundation, and the Mills Breast Cancer Institute;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Since 1982, Dr. Johnson has served as an adjunct
12 professor at the University of Illinois College of Medicine,
13 where she has trained hundreds of medical students to offer
14 exceptional patient care; and

15 WHEREAS, In her "free time", Dr. Johnson and her husband
16 can be found on the dance floor, displaying their ballroom
17 dance moves; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we congratulate Patricia Johnson, M.D. on receiving the 2022

1 Rural Physician Lifetime of Service Award from the Illinois
2 Rural Health Association and commend her for her compassion
3 and dedication to her patients and for filling such a
4 tremendous void in rural medicine over the past 40 years in
5 central Illinois; and be it further

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