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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Dr. Gary L. Turpin on the occasion of his retirement from the practice of medicine; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Gary Turpin has served the people of the City of Greenfield and Greene County for 50 years; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Gary Turpin graduated from Carrollton High School and the University of Illinois; after graduation, he returned to his native Greene County to establish his medical practice at the Fillager Clinic on September 1, 1964; he worked every day of his career at the Fillager Clinic, except for 1968 and 1969, when he served our nation while assigned to a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital in Vietnam; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Gary Turpin has treated everything from bumps, bruises, and sore throats to appendectomies and delivering babies; he also made house calls for the entirety of his career; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Gary Turpin told the Greene Prairie Press that "I've always worked under the assumption that the practice of medicine is a sacred calling. Not that I'm sacred, but the practice of medicine is and you have to treat the patients with

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1 a personal touch. Sometimes you have to just sit and talk with
2 them and if you pay attention to what they are saying, you will
3 learn a lot. I had a professor in medical school who was a
4 brilliant fellow and he maintained you should take the time to
5 listen to your patients. If you will just sit there and listen
6 they will tell you the diagnosis. I've worked under that
7 principle all these years."; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Gary Turpin has touched the lives of hundreds,
9 if not thousands, of people in Greene County during his 50
10 years of service; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Gary Turpin has announced his retirement from
12 the medical field effective September 30, 2014; therefore, be
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14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we congratulate Dr. Gary L. Turpin on the occasion of his
17 retirement, thank him for his decades of service to the
18 community and to our nation, and wish him and his wife, Amy,
19 all the best in the years to come; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Dr. Gary Turpin as a symbol of our esteem.