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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. M. Colleen
4 Bingham on receiving the "2016 Rural Physician of Excellence
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; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1990, Dr. Bingham graduated from St. Louis
10 University School of Medicine and went on to complete her
11 residency in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at Indiana
12 University Medical Center; and

13 WHEREAS, Since 1994, Dr. Bingham has been practicing with
14 Family Care Associates of Effingham, South Carolina; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Bingham serves on the Board of the Crisis
16 Nursery of Effingham County and was extremely instrumental in
17 garnering the economic support and partnerships of local
18 businesses and the medical community to get the Crisis Nursery
19 operating; and

20 WHEREAS, Recognizing their struggles, Dr. Bingham

1 spearheaded the development TAG in 2013, a mentoring program
2 for young mothers; operated by volunteers, the program meets on
3 a regular basis, assisting many mothers through the challenges
4 of young parenthood; and

5 WHEREAS, After seeing a pattern of developmental and
6 cognitive delays in at-risk children who were not able to
7 attend preschool, Dr. Bingham and her staff reached out to
8 businesses, transportation companies, and the local school
9 district, leading to the formation of the "Effingham Preschool
10 of All", which offers transportation and preschool education at
11 no cost to eligible families; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Bingham learned of the plight of many low
13 income children in need of meals when school was not in
14 session, and through her request for donations and assistance
15 from the Central Illinois Public Transit, "Mission Summer Fun"
16 was formed, which provides meals and activities for children
17 during summer break; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Bingham was the lead physician in the CHIPRA
19 Asthma Collaborative which resulted in improved treatment for
20 children; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Bingham's dedication to public health and
22 disease prevention is exemplified through her strong

1 commitment to the Vaccine for Children program; and

2 WHEREAS, Through her service and dedication to the
3 community, Dr. Bingham has become a phenomenal asset to the
4 well-being of families in Effingham County; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 commend Dr. Bingham for her selfless service and for her impact
8 on the improvement of rural health and congratulate her on
9 receiving the "2016 Rural Physician of Excellence Award"; and
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Dr. Bingham as an expression of our esteem and
13 respect.