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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; 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. M. Colleen Bingham for her selfless service and for  
8 her impact on the improvement of rural health and congratulate  
9 her on receiving the "2016 Rural Physician of Excellence  
10 Award"; and 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.