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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Kyaw Naing on
4 receiving the 2018 Rural Physician of Excellence Award from the
5 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, After completing medical school in Burma, Dr.
10 Naing went on to earn his master's degree at Western Illinois
11 University and his Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University
12 (SIU), both in Community Health Education; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Naing served as Director of Health Education
14 at the Jackson County Health Department from 1988 to 1995; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1996, Dr. Naing completed the SIU Family
16 Medicine Residency Program in Carbondale, where he has
17 practiced since; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Naing has a true passion for community health;
19 he has served as the medical director for the Jackson County
20 Health Department, for Neurorestorative, a long-term community

1 care program for traumatic brain injury patients, and for
2 Gateway, a drug rehabilitation and counseling program; and

3 WHEREAS, Since 2007, Dr. Naing has been a professor at the
4 SIU Family Medicine Residency Program; he was awarded the Core
5 Faculty Teacher of the Year Award from the class of 2016; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Naing serves as the medical director and also
7 teaches students enrolled in SIU's Physician Assistant
8 Program; and

9 WHEREAS, Due to the aging population and the demand for
10 increased medical training in this area, Dr. Naing is currently
11 working with Rush University to develop curriculum for the
12 Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program, providing a rural
13 perspective to the project; and

14 WHEREAS, During his "free time", Dr. Naing enjoys traveling
15 internationally with his wife, Khin; he is also an avid
16 astro-photographer; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Naing's generosity does not end with his job;
18 he and his wife, Khin, open their home and serve as hosts to
19 foreign students and residents, often taking time to introduce
20 them to the hidden natural beauty of the area; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Naing dedication to rural practice, public
2 health, and training future medical professions have made a
3 huge impact on improving the health care environment in
4 southern Illinois; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 congratulate Dr. Kyaw Naing on receiving the 2018 Rural
8 Physician of Excellence Award and commend him for all his
9 contributions to medicine and public health; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Dr. Naing as a symbol of our respect and esteem.