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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to recognize Morris A. Kugler M.D. of  
4 Belleville on his 51 years of service as a surgeon; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Kugler was affectionately known to many during  
6 his childhood in Okawville as "Lad"; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Kugler attended school at Southern Illinois  
8 University Carbondale and then the University of Illinois  
9 College of Medicine; and

10 WHEREAS, After graduation, Dr. Kugler started an  
11 internship at Rush Presbyterian St. Luke Hospital; he was then  
12 drafted into the United States Military as a flight surgeon and  
13 served from 1965 to 1966; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Kugler then served at Scott Air Force Base for  
15 a year; it was followed by his surgical residency at the Edward  
16 Hines Jr. Veterans Administration Hospital and the Loyola  
17 University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Kugler's first practice was in Savannah,  
19 Georgia from 1972 to 1976; in 1976, he started a practice in  
20 the metro-east area to be closer to his mother, who lived in

1 Okawville; and

2 WHEREAS, At his peak, Dr. Kugler performed 600 surgeries  
3 per year; he typically had four to six surgeries a day at  
4 different hospitals; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Kugler started the Breast Health Center at  
6 Memorial Hospital in Belleville in order to provide faster  
7 service to patients; through a complete service of examination,  
8 diagnosis, and biopsy women receive their results in a day, not  
9 a month; and

10 WHEREAS, In recent years, Dr. Kugler has become alarmed at  
11 the number of physicians leaving the metro-east area due to the  
12 growing cost of insurance; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Kugler would like to see graduates of the  
14 Southern Illinois University School of Medicine perform their  
15 residency in the metro-east area; he continuously works to  
16 obtain grants and donations to help fund residency programs in  
17 metro-east hospitals, which he believes will help combat the  
18 reduced number of physicians in the area; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
20 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
21 recognize Morris A. Kugler M.D. on his 51 years of service as a

1 surgeon and for everything he has done for the metro-east area  
2 and the State of Illinois; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to Dr. Kugler as a symbol of our respect and esteem.