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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, situated mid-way between Mattoon and Charleston, opened its doors on May 10, 1977 to serve Coles County and the surrounding six counties, Cumberland, Clark, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie, and Shelby; and

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WHEREAS, The formation of the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center was the result of two hospitals merging at a critical time: Mattoon Memorial Hospital was old and antiquated, while Charleston Community Hospital was newer, but was struggling financially; together they found common ground and began merger discussions in 1968; and

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WHEREAS, Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center continues to serve the region by creating easier access to care with clinics in Arcola, Arthur, Sullivan, Neoga, Toledo, Casey, Charleston, and Mattoon; Lincolnland Home Care and Lincolnland Hospice of Sarah Bush Lincoln serve 13 and 15 counties respectively, along with In Home Medical, its durable medical equipment company; and

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WHEREAS, Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center employs 1,540 people from throughout the region, including 71 physicians and midlevel providers; Sarah Bush Lincoln's main campus sits on

1 about 114 acres; the Health Center and Medical Office Pavilion  
2 I and II cover 410,130 gross square feet; in addition, Sarah  
3 Bush Lincoln Health Center owns or leases approximately another  
4 94,000 square feet for its clinics, Lincolnland Home Care,  
5 Lincolnland Hospice, In Home Medical, and other support or  
6 service functions in the seven counties; and

7 WHEREAS, Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center has been honored  
8 with several distinguished awards, including: Solucient's Top  
9 100 Hospitals in the Nation for excellence in quality and  
10 financial performance, the 2005 Lincoln Silver Award-Progress  
11 Towards Excellence, the 2005 Governor's Pollution Prevention  
12 Award, the H2E Partner for Change Award, the 2006 Governor's  
13 PATH Award, the 2006 Most Wired Small and Rural Hospital, and  
14 the 2006 Coming Up Taller Award Semifinalist; and

15 WHEREAS, The volunteer force of 300 contributes more than  
16 25,000 hours a year to the organization; through its mission  
17 statement, Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center provides  
18 exceptional care for all and creates healthy communities;  
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
22 congratulate the physicians and staff of Sarah Bush Lincoln  
23 Health Center on this anniversary event; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center President and  
3 CEO, Gary L. Barnett as a symbol of our respect.