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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Stephen Reid, Jr. for receiving the "2013 Rural Physician of Excellence Award" from the Illinois Rural Health Association; and

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WHEREAS, One of the biggest healthcare challenges across our nation is the shortage of physicians who practice in rural settings; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Stephen Reid, Jr. earned his medical degree from Northwestern University in 1976 and completed his residency at the University of Illinois in 1982; he later completed his Surgical Oncology Fellowship at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute in 1984; and

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WHEREAS, After practicing medicine in a large urban setting for many years, Dr. Stephen Reid, Jr. left Evanston Hospital in 1997 to embark on a career practicing in a rural area, joining the staff at the Weber Medical Clinic and Richland Memorial Hospital in Olney; and

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WHEREAS, In recognition of his efforts to train medical students and physician assistants from Southern Illinois University on the challenges and benefits of practicing in

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1 rural areas, Dr. Stephen Reid, Jr. was awarded the "Preceptor
2 of the Year" Award in 2012; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Stephen Reid, Jr. has also helped plant the
4 seed to cultivate future home grown medical professionals by
5 participating in "Career Days" at East Richland Middle School;
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7 WHEREAS, Dr. Stephen Reid, Jr. has lent his time and
8 expertise to many internal hospital committees to improve
9 services provided to patients, including those centered on
10 blood and tissues, ICU, long term care, patient care
11 evaluation, pharmacy, surgery, and tumors; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Stephen Reid, Jr. has worked to raise
13 community awareness of breast cancer and is a huge supporter of
14 Richland County's Relay for Life by donning a "polyp" costume
15 and running in local triathlons to raise money for cancer
16 research; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we commend Dr. Stephen Reid, Jr. for his selfless service to
20 his community and the impact he has made on improving rural
21 health; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Dr. Reid as a symbol of our respect and esteem.