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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Jerry Beguelin
4 on the occasion of receiving the 2014 Rural Physician of
5 Excellence Award from the Illinois Rural Health Association;
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7 WHEREAS, One of the biggest healthcare challenges across
8 our nation is the shortage of physicians who practice in rural
9 settings; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Beguelin earned his medical degree from
11 Washington University in 1962; he then completed his residency
12 at Barnes Jewish Hospital in 1963 and performed a specialized
13 internship in trauma and surgery at St. Louis County Hospital;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, In 1964, Dr. Beguelin returned to his hometown of
16 Irvington to open up his practice and serving patients at St.
17 Mary's Hospital; and

18 WHEREAS, Dating back to the 1960s, Dr. Beguelin was a
19 forerunner of using physician extenders and saw the benefit
20 they could bring to rural areas years by increasing access to
21 care; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Beguelin has been instrumental in recruiting
2 many greatly needed specialists and primary care physicians to
3 the rural area he serves; and

4 WHEREAS, In the 1970s, Dr. Beguelin developed a
5 multi-disciplinary on-site care program for the Department of
6 Corrections, which, because of its success, is still in use
7 today; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Beguelin was instrumental in designing and
9 staffing a hospital wing specifically for developmentally and
10 physically-delayed individuals; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Begeulin has always been on the forefront of
12 telemedicine, providing care to residents in nursing homes,
13 developmentally-delayed facilities, and those attending
14 alternative schools; and

15 WHEREAS, In order to increase access to care, Dr. Beguelin
16 has opened several Rural Health Clinics; he has also worked
17 diligently to start up the Little Egypt Breast and Cervical
18 Cancer Program; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we commend Dr. Jerry Beguelin for his 50 years of selfless
2 service to his community and the impact he has made on
3 improving rural health and congratulate him for winning the
4 2014 Rural Physician of Excellence Award; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Dr. Beguelin as a symbol of our respect and
7 esteem.