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1   HOUSE RESOLUTION

2   WHEREAS,   The   members   of   the   Illinois   House   of
3   Representatives wish to congratulate Dr. Edward McKenney on
4   receiving the "2014 Rural Physician of Excellence Award" from
5   the 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, In 1977, Dr. McKenney graduated from the Chicago
10   College of Osteopathic Medicine; and

11   WHEREAS, Dr. McKenney is Board Certified in Emergency
12   Medicine; and

13   WHEREAS, In 1978, Dr. McKenney joined the staff at Memorial
14   Hospital in Carthage; and

15   WHEREAS, Dr. McKenney has paved the way for expansion of
16   health care access to residents of Hancock County, at one time
17   running 3 different clinics; and

18   WHEREAS, Dr. McKenney services Memorial Hospital in many
19   ways; he provides ER coverage, assists in surgery, provides his

1   own diagnostic screenings, and is a valued member of the

2   Memorial Hospital Board; and

3   WHEREAS, Dr. McKenney has earned a reputation among his

4   peers as an excellent diagnostician, an outstanding teacher and

5   mentor, and "the best heart guy around"; and

6   WHEREAS, Dr. McKenney is known by his patients for his

7   compassionate bedside manner, which even includes making house

8   calls; and

9   WHEREAS, For the past 35 years, the patient care and

10   expertise that Dr. McKenney provides has become vital to area

11   residents; therefore, be it

12   RESOLVED,   BY   THE   HOUSE   OF   REPRESENTATIVES   OF   THE

13   NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

14   we commend Dr. Edward McKenney for his selfless service to his

15   community and the impact he has made on improving rural health

16   and we congratulate him on receiving the "2014 Rural Physician

17   of Excellence Award; and be it further

18   RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

19   presented to Dr. McKenney as a symbol of our respect and

20   esteem.