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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 Illinois WHEREAS, The members of the House of 3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Gregory Delost 4 on receiving the "2015 Rural Physician of Excellence Award" 5 from 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 1975, Dr. Delost graduated from the University 10 of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology; and 11 12 WHEREAS, In 1980, Dr. Delost graduated from the Autonomous 13 University Medical School in Tampico, Mexico; and 14 WHEREAS, In 1985, Dr. Delost went on to complete his residency in family practice at the University of Illinois 15 College of Medicine in Rockford; and 16 17 WHEREAS, Dr. Delost began his medical career as an emergency room physician in 1984; and 18

WHEREAS, Since 1985, Dr. Delost has been providing full

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- 1 service family care to generations of families in Gibson City;
- 2 and
- 3 WHEREAS, Dr. Delost, in his work since 1994 as a clinical
- 4 instructor in family practice at the University of Illinois
- 5 School of Medicine, has trained 2 generations of doctors; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Dr. Delost has a special compassion for elderly
- 7 patients and serves as Medical Director of the Annex Long Term
- 8 Care Facility, where he makes a special effort to visit his
- 9 patients whenever they are having a bad day and need extra
- 10 attention; he also works closely with their family members to
- 11 provide comfort and support; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Dr. Delost's advocacy does not end with his
- 13 patients; he is also an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals;
- 14 therefore, be it
- 15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 16 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 17 congratulate Dr. Delost on receiving the "2015 Rural Physician
- of Excellence Award" and we commend him for his selfless
- 19 service to his community and the impact he has made on
- 20 improving rural healthcare; and be it further
- 21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Dr. Delost as a symbol of our respect and esteem.