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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Christopher Wagoner on the occasion of receiving the "2016 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. Christopher Wagoner graduated from the Rural Medical Education (RMED) program at the University of Illinois in 2007; since then, he has served as an associate professor of family and community medicine at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, In 2010, Dr. Christopher Wagoner joined the Illini Rural Health Clinic, where he currently serves as Medical Director; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Christopher Wagoner demonstrates his compassion for his elderly patients by the house calls he makes to many of them, a rarity in 21st century medical practice; and

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1 WHEREAS, Dr. Christopher Wagoner serves as the Medical
2 Director of Illini X-Press, providing his patients access to
3 medical care outside normal practice hours; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Christopher Wagoner oversees seven nurse
5 practitioners, expanding the radius of service so many rural
6 patients who would otherwise need to travel more than an hour
7 can receive care closer to home; and

8 WHEREAS, In his free time, Dr. Christopher Wagoner serves
9 on the Board of Directors for the Pike County Health
10 Department; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Christopher Wagoner's talents are not limited
12 to his medical practice, but are also demonstrated by his duck
13 hunting skills; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 congratulate Dr. Christopher Wagoner on the occasion of his
17 receiving the "2016 Rural Physician of Excellence Award" and
18 thank him for his selfless service to his community and the
19 impact he has made on improving rural health; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Dr. Christopher Wagoner as a symbol of our respect

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