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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. James Manint on  
4 receiving the "2017 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, Dr. Manint's career in healthcare began when he  
10 was in high school and worked as an orderly at Kirby Medical  
11 Center; and

12           WHEREAS, Dr. Manint went on to serve our country in the  
13 United States Air Force; and

14           WHEREAS, in 1977, Dr. Manint graduated from Kirksville  
15 College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, Missouri; he  
16 completed his residency in family practice at Scott Air Force  
17 base in 1980; he then served as a family practice physician at  
18 Chanute Air Force Base from 1980-1984; in 1984, he returned to  
19 Kirby Medical Center to continue his career; and

20           WHEREAS, Dr. Manint's vast service to his community

1 includes serving as Piatt County Coroner, and as the Medical  
2 Director of the Piatt County Health Department, Bement Health  
3 Care Nursing Home, and the Cornerstone Home; he has been a  
4 Federal Aviation Administration Medical Examiner since 1988;  
5 his board certifications in both Family Practice and Geriatric  
6 Medicine have allowed him to care for multiple generations of  
7 families in his community; and

8 WHEREAS, Whether he is flying overhead or more grounded in  
9 his daily practice, Dr. Manint has made a huge impact in  
10 improving rural healthcare in East Central Illinois;  
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
13 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
14 commend Dr. Manint on his nearly 40 years of selfless service  
15 and dedication to his patients; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to Dr. Manint as a symbol of our respect and esteem.