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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to commend Dr. Gary L. Knepp for all that
4 he has accomplished over his career and thank him for his
5 dedication and hard work; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Knepp grew up on a farm in the
7 Eureka/Washington area and started his education at Illinois
8 Central College; he obtained a Bachelor of Science in
9 Agricultural Engineering from the University of Illinois at
10 Urbana-Champaign, followed by a Doctorate in Osteopathic
11 Medicine from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine; he
12 completed post-doctoral medical training through the Chicago
13 Osteopathic Hospital; and

14 WHEREAS, After completing medical school and post-doctoral
15 training, Dr. Knepp received board certification in family
16 medicine with a sub-specialization in geriatrics; he took a
17 strong clinical interest in the diagnosis and treatment of
18 dementia; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Knepp has dedicated his life to helping people
20 by providing compassionate and expert care to his patients; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Knepp spent 22 years practicing medicine in

1 Eureka and helped lead in the creation of post graduate
2 training residencies in family medicine and neurosurgery at the
3 BroMenn Medical Center in Normal; and

4 WHEREAS, Beginning in 2007, Dr. Knepp served four years as
5 the Professor of Geriatrics and Assistant Regional Dean at the
6 West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine; and

7 WHEREAS, After his time in West Virginia, Dr. Knepp
8 returned to his Central Illinois home as the Director of
9 Medical Education and Osteopathic Program Director at the
10 University of Illinois Family Medicine Residency in Peoria; and

11 WHEREAS, While at University of Illinois, Dr. Knepp led in
12 the development of the dual accreditation of the residency with
13 the American Osteopathic Association and helped develop the
14 geriatric curriculum; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2012, Dr. Knepp was appointed Vice President
16 and Chief Medical Officer for UnityPoint Health - Methodist and
17 as President of UnityPoint Clinics; in 2017, he was appointed
18 Regional Chief Quality Officer for UnityPoint Health; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Knepp continued to share his knowledge with
20 others as an Adjunct Clinical Professor at the Kirksville
21 College of Osteopathic Medicine; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Knepp's passion to serve others has also taken
2 him outside of hospitals, clinics, and classrooms; he has
3 served in the Peoria Rotary Club, the Eureka United Methodist
4 Church, the American Cancer Society, and the Eureka Fire
5 Protection District; and

6 WHEREAS, After a long and distinguished career of serving
7 selflessly in the community and bettering the lives of
8 countless others, Dr. Knepp is retiring from UnityPoint Health;
9 he plans to enjoy life with his 16 grandchildren, three
10 great-grandchildren, and his various hobbies of amateur radio
11 and farming; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we commend Dr. Gary L. Knepp for all that he has accomplished
15 over his career and thank him for his dedication and hard work;
16 and be it further

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