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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Dr. George Bark, who passed away on July 24, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Bark was born in Harvey to Ralph and Irene Barker on August 17, 1959; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Bark had a lifelong passion for learning and spent his academic career at the University of Illinois, first earning his bachelor's degree in biology in 1981 and then a master's degree in 1983; in 1993, he earned a Ph.D. in nutritional sciences, and in 1994, his medical degree, both also from the University of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Bark went on to complete his Family Practice Rural Residency Program at Union Hospital in Terre Haute and became board certified in 1997; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Bark settled into family practice as a rural doctor in Paxton, working with Christie Clinic, the Provena Covenant Family Care Network, and eventually the Gibson Area Hospital whose staff considered him part of their family; and

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WHEREAS, In 2003, Dr. Bark returned to the University of

1 Illinois as a professor in their College of Medicine; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Bark was a huge supporter of his alma mater
3 and was a season ticket holder to football and basketball; he
4 was also Gibson Hospital's representative on the Fighting
5 Illini Golf team; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr Bark was selected to receive the 2017 Rural
7 Physician of Excellence Award posthumously from the Illinois
8 Rural Health Association; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Bark made a huge impact on improving the
10 healthcare environment through the many patients whose lives he
11 touched as well as the medical students he inspired by his vast
12 knowledge; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 mourn the passing of Dr. George Bark, and extend our sincere
16 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
17 him; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Dr. Bark as an expression of our
20 deepest sympathy.