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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Francis P. "Frank"
4 Rossiter Jr., M.D. of Savannah, Georgia on being inducted into
5 the Irish America Hall of Fame in New Ross, County Wexford,
6 Ireland; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Rossiter is one of only 59 people to be
8 inducted since the Irish America Hall of Fame was founded by
9 Irish America Magazine in 2010; the honor recognizes
10 individuals in the Irish American community who have made an
11 impact on the Irish in America and who have bridged the gap
12 between the U.S. and Ireland; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Rossiter's great-grandparents, Patrick
14 Rossiter and Anne Corrigan, were Irish emigrants from County
15 Wexford; he was born to the late, former Savannah Mayor Pro-Tem
16 Frank P. and Inez Coleman Rossiter; he is a native of Savannah;
17 he attended Benedictine Military School, Armstrong College,
18 the University of Georgia, and the Medical College of Georgia;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Rossiter served in the U.S. Army from 1965 to
21 1974, rising from the rank of second lieutenant to lieutenant
22 colonel; during this time, he was appointed chief of pediatric

1 services at Fort Ord on Monterey Bay, California, before
2 returning to Savannah; he then served 20 years in the Georgia
3 Army National Guard, spending the last 15 years as a colonel;
4 he was honored with the rank of brigadier general when he
5 retired in 2000; and

6 WHEREAS, During his medical career, Dr. Rossiter served in
7 various roles in several healthcare systems located in Georgia,
8 including St. Joseph's/Candler, Memorial Health, and Georgia
9 Regional Hospital; he also served on the Backus Children's
10 Hospital Advisory Board, the Ethics Committee, the Medical
11 Advisory Committee as chairman, and the Department of
12 Pediatrics as chairman; he retired from his medical practice in
13 June 2003; and

14 WHEREAS, Over the years, Dr. Rossiter was involved in a
15 number of organizations and events, including the Chatham
16 Artillery Association as president, the Hibernian Society, and
17 the Armstrong Foundation Board of Directors; he was the Grand
18 Marshal of the 2008 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah,
19 following in the footsteps of his father who was Grand Marshal
20 in 1972; and

21 WHEREAS, Currently, Dr. Rossiter serves on the Mercer
22 University School of Medicine-Savannah Board of Governors, the
23 Chatham County Hospital Authority, the Memorial Health

1 University Board of Directors, the Diocese of Savannah Finance
2 Council, and the Rourke Foundation as chairman; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Rossiter is married to Glenda Nelson, and they
4 have been married for 48 years; they have three children and
5 five grandchildren; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate Francis P. "Frank" Rossiter Jr., M.D. of
9 Savannah, Georgia on being inducted into the Irish America Hall
10 of Fame in New Ross, County Wexford, Ireland; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Dr. Rossiter Jr. as an expression of our esteem
13 and respect.