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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Boyd A. McCracken for receiving the 2020 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, Growing up in Greenville with uncles and a grandfather who were dentists and a father who was a family practice physician, Dr. McCracken saw firsthand the significant impact medical providers can make in the well-being of a rural community; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. McCracken graduated from Millikin University in 1969 and stayed at the university to serve as director of Millikin's biology laboratories through 1970; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. McCracken graduated from the Chicago Medical School in 1974 and completed his family practice residency at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine-affiliated hospitals in Springfield in 1977; and

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1 WHEREAS, In 1977, Dr. McCracken returned to his roots and
2 joined Five Provider Family Practice in Greenville; he was
3 granted privileges at Utlaut Memorial Hospital, which later
4 became HSHS Holy Family Hospital; and

5 WHEREAS, Through the years, Dr. McCracken was a medical
6 jack-of-all-trades and Renaissance man to his community; he
7 delivered babies, assisted in surgeries, and worked as an
8 emergency room physician, all while serving as president of the
9 medical staff, serving on numerous state and local boards, and
10 attending to the regular day-to-day care he provided pediatric
11 through geriatric patients in his office practice; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. McCracken selflessly served as a mentor to
13 many new physicians and nurse practitioners offering them
14 support and compassion, which guided the way they would serve
15 their patients throughout their careers; and

16 WHEREAS, When not practicing medicine, Dr. McCracken is a
17 distinguished dessert connoisseur, well known for his
18 exquisite taste in Snickers; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we congratulate Dr. Boyd A. McCracken for receiving the 2020
22 Rural Physician of Excellence Award and commend him for his

1 compassion and dedication to his patients and for filling such
2 a tremendous void in rural medicine over the past 43 years in
3 Bond County; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Dr. McCracken as a symbol of our respect and
6 esteem.