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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate William Ribbing, M.D. for receiving the 2022 Rural Physician Lifetime of Service 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, Dr. Ribbing graduated from UHS/Chicago Medical School in 1987; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Ribbing completed his residency in family practice at Resurrection Medical Center in 1990; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Ribbing relocated to Anna and went to work for Rural Health Inc., where he has made a huge impact on the well-being of the region, seeing 20-30 patients daily since 1990, and was responsible for bringing such specialty services as women's health, cardiology, orthopedics, and behavioral medicine to the area; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Ribbing has also been a huge asset to Union County Hospital, where he served as president of the medical

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1 staff, as well as on its board of directors; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Ribbing guided efforts to successfully  
3 address the rural opioid epidemic through the creation of the  
4 Medicated Assisted Treatment Clinic, which has helped break  
5 the cycle of addiction for many and improve the quality of life  
6 in his community; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Ribbing has been a tireless advocate for the  
8 advancement of the physician assistant profession, in order to  
9 alleviate the physician shortage, and developed a partnership  
10 with Southern Illinois University to serve as a training site  
11 for physician assistants; he also successfully lobbied for the  
12 ratio of physicians to physician assistants to be removed in  
13 health professional shortage areas; and

14 WHEREAS, As an active member of the Society of Teachers of  
15 Family Medicine and of the faculty of both the University of  
16 Illinois College of Medicine and the SIU School of Medicine,  
17 Dr. Ribbing has helped train countless medical students to  
18 provide exceptional patient care; and

19 WHEREAS, In his "free time", Dr. Ribbing can be found  
20 honing his culinary skills on an outdoor grill, fishing,  
21 hunting, and debating whether he has a stronger allegiance to  
22 Star Trek or Star Wars; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3 we congratulate William Ribbing, M.D. for receiving the 2022  
4 Rural Physician Lifetime of Service Award and commend him for  
5 his compassion and dedication to his patients and for filling  
6 such a tremendous void in rural medicine over the past 45 years  
7 in Southern Illinois; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to Dr. Ribbing as a symbol of our respect and esteem.