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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Ronald Johnson, M.D. on receiving the 2023 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. Johnson graduated from the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in 1977; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson completed his residency in family practice at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale in 1980; and

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WHEREAS, After finishing his residency, Dr. Johnson began his service at Illini Community Hospital in Pittsfield, where he has held various leadership positions through the years, including president of medical staff, chief of emergency room, chief of obstetrics, and chief of respiratory therapy; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson started his own practice, Pike County Family Practice, in Pittsfield in 1980; and

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1 WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson opened the Winchester Family Practice
2 to expand access to care across a wider geographic area in
3 1990; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson has dedicated his time and expertise
5 for many years at the state level by serving as a member of the
6 Bureau of Medical Integrity for the Office of the Inspector
7 General and the Illinois Department of Financial and
8 Professional Regulation's Medical Disciplinary Board; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson also served at the national level on
10 the Federation of State Medical Boards Accreditation Council
11 for Continuing Medical Education as the Illinois
12 Representative of State Medical Licensing Boards in
13 Washington, D.C.; and

14 WHEREAS, As an employed physician of Duly Health and Care,
15 Dr. Johnson continues to serve generations of patients at
16 Quincy Medical Group; and

17 WHEREAS, Having volunteered his time as an associate
18 teaching physician at the SIU Family Practice in Quincy, Dr.
19 Johnson has proctored and mentored countless medical students
20 not only on family medicine but on the art of communication and
21 care for patients through empathy, respect, and the art of
22 listening; and

1 WHEREAS, When not practicing medicine, Dr. Johnson and his
2 wife can be found traveling the world; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we congratulate Ronald Johnson, M.D. on receiving the 2023
6 Rural Physician Lifetime of Service Award from the Illinois
7 Rural Health Association and commend him for his compassion
8 and dedication to his patients and for filling such a
9 tremendous void in rural medicine for over 40 years in west
10 central Illinois; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Dr. Johnson as a symbol of our respect and esteem.