



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On November 15, 2005, Dr. Richard Garretson of
3 Crossroads Family Medicine in Mt. Vernon was honored with a
4 Rural Physician of Excellence Award by the Illinois Rural
5 Health Association; and

6 WHEREAS, The Rural Physician of Excellence Award was
7 created to honor the work of rural physicians in improving the
8 health and well-being of rural residents; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Garretson has demonstrated admirable
10 commitment to rural health care in Illinois; he has practiced
11 in Mt. Vernon for 41 years; he served as Jefferson County
12 Coroner for 20 years; Dr. Garretson is also a volunteer and
13 participant with the Jefferson County Health Department; he is
14 board certified in Emergency Medicine and provides emergency
15 services at a local hospital; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Garretson currently serves 3,000 patients and
17 never turns anyone away who needs services; he will barter for
18 services for those who cannot afford to pay; Dr. Garretson
19 makes house calls for those unable to travel and provides
20 service to the uninsured; Dr. Garretson also helps patients
21 enroll in pharmaceutical support programs; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
24 we congratulate Dr. Richard Garretson on receiving a Rural
25 Physician of Excellence Award from the Illinois Rural Health
26 Association and thank him for his many years of distinguished
27 and generous service as an outstanding rural physician; and be
28 it further

29 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
30 presented to Dr. Richard Garretson as an expression of our

1 esteem.