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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Dr. Secundino Rubio of Salem on receiving the 2006 Rural Physician of Excellence Award from the Illinois Rural Health Association; and

WHEREAS, The Rural Physician of Excellence Award is given to exemplary physicians working in rural counties of Illinois that go beyond the call of duty to care for rural residents and help build rural communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rubio received the award from Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn during "Doc Hollywood Day", October 10, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rubio has dedicated his life to his patients, Salem Township Hospital, and the surrounding communities in the Salem area since 1965; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rubio, was honored in 2000 as the Illinois Academy of Family Physician's Family Physician of the Year; Dr. Rubio opened Salem Medical Center in 1967; for many years he was the only physician serving the needs of the people of Salem; and

WHEREAS, His journey began in Cuba, where he studied medicine at the University of Havana; he left Cuba for the U.S. in 1961, without the benefit of speaking English; and

WHEREAS, His U.S. medical career began at South Shore Hospital in 1962 as a surgical assistant; throughout his career, Dr. Rubio has served on numerous organizations and also served as the Chief of Staff of Salem Township Hospital; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3           we congratulate Dr. Secundino Rubio on receiving the Rural  
4           Physician of Excellence Award from the Illinois Rural Health  
5           Association; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7           presented to Dr. Rubio as an expression of our deep respect and  
8           esteem.