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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In 1985, the Will-Grundy Medical Society
3 recognized the need to create an organized system to provide
4 health care to those without insurance or the ability to obtain
5 even the most basic healthcare; and

6 WHEREAS, The Medical Society and a group of Will County and
7 Grundy County community leaders conceived the idea of a "free
8 clinic"; and

9 WHEREAS, The Will-Grundy Medical Clinic was officially
10 organized and chartered in 1987 and opened its doors in March
11 of 1988 to provide health and dental care to uninsured and
12 underserved residents in the two-county area; and

13 WHEREAS, During the last 25 years, hundreds of volunteer
14 physicians, dentists, nurses, hygienists, and other medical
15 professionals have joined with thousands of other volunteers to
16 provide their services to clinic patients; and

17 WHEREAS, Morris Hospital and Healthcare Centers, Presence
18 St. Joseph Medical Center, Silver Cross Hospital, and more
19 recently Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital have been outstanding
20 partners in support of the clinic's work providing millions of
21 dollars of contributed services to the treatment of patients;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, The clinic has enjoyed the financial support of
3 the United Way of Will County, the United Way of Grundy County,
4 Joliet Township Government, the Holly Club of Joliet, hundreds
5 of local businesses, numerous social and civic organizations,
6 and thousands of individual contributors; and

7 WHEREAS, Over the last 25 years, the Clinic has treated
8 thousands of patients, providing healing and hope with
9 treatment and services that have an estimated value of \$92.2
10 million; in the last 25 years there have been 5 directors and 2
11 interim directors; the 2 interim directors were Elaine Griffin
12 and Fran Burkey; the directors have been Sr. Lucille Adelman,
13 Marianne Gallagher, Jean Roach, Sandra Cowgill, and the current
14 director J.D. Ross; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we recognize the volunteers and staff of the Will-Grundy
18 Medical Clinic and congratulate them on 25 years of outstanding
19 service to residents within the city of Joliet and surrounding
20 two-county area; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the Will-Grundy Medical Clinic as an expression of

1 our esteem and respect.