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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Kathy Swafford  
4 on the occasion of receiving the 2015 Rural Physician of  
5 Excellence Award from the Illinois Rural Health Association;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, One of the biggest healthcare challenges across  
8 our nation is the shortage of physicians who practice in rural  
9 settings; and

10           WHEREAS, In 1981, Dr. Kathy Swafford graduated from the  
11 Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, Georgia; she went on to  
12 complete her fellowship in pediatric nephrology and residency  
13 in pediatrics at the University of Texas Health Science Center  
14 in Houston, where she was Chief Resident and later a Clinical  
15 Instructor; and

16           WHEREAS, Dr. Kathy Swafford began her service in southern  
17 Illinois as a pediatrician with the Union County Hospital  
18 District in 1998; in 1999, she founded Swafford Pediatrics; and

19           WHEREAS, Since 2009, Dr. Kathy Swafford has served as the  
20 Medical Director of the Children's Medical and Mental Health  
21 Resource Network; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Kathy Swafford is highly regarded in the  
2 academic world and has trained many physicians who go on to  
3 practice in rural areas through her role as Assistant Professor  
4 of Clinical Pediatrics at the Southern Illinois University  
5 School of Medicine; and

6           WHEREAS, Dr. Kathy Swafford has taken time out of her busy  
7 medical career to share her expertise through her active  
8 leadership roles in numerous organizations and committees,  
9 including the Southern Illinois Medical Society, the Union  
10 County Health Department, the Illinois Emergency Medical  
11 Services for Children Advisory Board, the Illinois Department  
12 of Public Health Immunization Advisory Committee, and the  
13 Illinois Association of Maternal and Child Health, to name a  
14 few; and

15           WHEREAS, Dr. Kathy Swafford has dedicated her career to  
16 preventing child abuse and death and is one of only 324 Board  
17 Certified Child Abuse Pediatricians in the nation; and

18           WHEREAS, Dr. Kathy Swafford also gives back to her  
19 community by singing in her local church choir, donating items  
20 to the local mission, and serving on Anna's Animal Shelter's  
21 PAWS Board; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
3           congratulate Dr. Kathy Swafford on the occasion of receiving  
4           the 2015 Rural Physician of Excellence Award and commend her  
5           for her selfless service to her community and the impact she  
6           has made on improving rural health; and be it further

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