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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Sembu  
4 Kanthilal on the occasion of receiving the 2015 Rural Physician  
5 of 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, Dr. Sembu Kanthilal graduated medical school from  
11 the University of Madras in 1970; he went on to complete his  
12 internship at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston and later his  
13 residency at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park  
14 in 1977; and

15           WHEREAS, Dr. Sembu Kanthilal started his medical practice  
16 in Beardstown in 1979; he currently serves as a family  
17 practitioner at the Elmer Hugh Taylor Clinic; and

18           WHEREAS, Dr. Sembu Kanthilal is the Chief Medical Officer  
19 at Sarah D. Culbertson Memorial Hospital in Rushville; his  
20 tireless commitment and innovation is credited for the  
21 existence of the hospital's surgical department and Rural

1 Health Clinic; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Sembu Kanthilal's extensive expertise as a  
3 primary care physician and general surgeon has made it possible  
4 for people in rural areas across a four-county region to access  
5 healthcare in their own communities; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Sembu Kanthilal's talents go beyond medical  
7 science and extend to the culinary arts, which is exemplified  
8 in the baking he does for his staff, and the artistic design of  
9 his holiday lights, which the whole community enjoys;  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
13 thank Dr. Sembu Kanthilal for the selfless service he has  
14 provided the residents of the western region of our State for  
15 the past 33 years and the impact he has made on improving rural  
16 health and wish him the best in his retirement; and be it  
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to Dr. Sembu Kanthilal as a symbol of our respect and  
20 esteem.