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DR. STUART HEYDT HONORED FOR SERVICE TO GEISINGER

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Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Stuart Heydt, who will retire June 30 after 10 years as president and chief executive officer of the Geisinger Health System, which is based in Danville, Pennsylvania. He will be honored at a dinner on June 22.

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