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RE: Support of the bill to posthumously bestow the Congressional Gold Medal to Joseph B. Kirsner, MD, PhD

"Dr. Joseph B. Kirsner was a pioneer of gastroenterology research and clinical care who did much of the foundational work underlying modern gastroenterology, including the diagnosis and treatment of inflammatory bowel disease and developing the screening tools for early detection of colorectal cancer. He was a legendary physician scientist who inspired generations of trainees and colleagues in their work and in the best University of Chicago tradition a "teacher of teachers."

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