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## SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Dr. John Dickens of St. Charles, who 4 passed away on February 6, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Dickens was born in Aurora to William and 6 Elizabeth Dickens and was a lifelong resident of St. Charles; 7 he graduated from Marmion Academy in 1958 and from the 8 University of Dayton in 1962; he received his Doctorate in 9 Dental Surgery from Marquette University in 1966; he served in 10 the United States Army, stationed in Korea at Camp Irwin; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dickens returned to his home town and opened 11 12 his dental practice in downtown St. Charles in December of 13 1969; his practice was not just work, but his passion; he loved 14 each of his patients and they, along with his staff, became his second family; he served on the board of the Heritage Center in 15 St. Charles and the Norris Center in St. Charles and was a 16 17 member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, and the St. Charles Country 18 19 Club; he volunteered his time and talent with his wife in 20 Guatemala and at the girls school in Geneva; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Dickens was an avid golfer and racket ball 22 player; he enjoyed many outdoor activities and loved all of the SR0207 -2- LRB099 11333 MST 32019 r Chicago teams; he loved to tell a joke and never seemed to be at a loss for a story to share; he was a "master of social wisdom", warming the hearts of many people; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dickens was preceded in death by his brother,
Thomas Dickens; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Dickens is survived by his wife 38 years, 7 Christine; his sons, Matthew and Timothy; his daughters, 8 Melissa (Bryce) Salter, Megan, and Mary; his grandsons, Jayden 9 and William; his first granddaughter soon to be born; several 10 wonderful brother and sisters-in-law; and many nieces and 11 nephews; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL 13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of 14 Dr. John Dickens, and extend our sincere condolences to his 15 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it 16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 18 presented to the family of Dr. Dickens as an expression of our 19 deepest sympathy.