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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of former
4 State Representative David K. Deets, M.D., who passed away on
5 May 18, 2026; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Deets was born to Edgar and Marian (Gilbert)
7 Deets in Dixon on March 22, 1947; he graduated from DePauw
8 University in Greencastle, Indiana, and he received his
9 medical degree from Loyola University Stritch School of
10 Medicine; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Deets married Kathryne Olson, who passed away
12 in 1981; he later married Jan Welker Gunnon on April 28, 2001;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Deets was a beloved physician and surgeon at
15 KSB hospital in Dixon, retiring before the hospital changed
16 its name to St. Katharine Medical Center; he also served on the
17 Lee County Board, the Illinois State Medical Society Review
18 Board, and as a deputy coroner for Lee County; he was a member
19 of Ducks Unlimited and the National Rifle Association (NRA);
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Deets served as the co-chair of the Hometown

1 Coordination Committee that organized President Ronald
2 Reagan's trip to Dixon for the president's birthday in 1984,
3 presenting President Reagan with a birthday cake; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Deets served in the Illinois House of
5 Representatives from 1992 to 1993, representing the Dixon area
6 in the then 73rd Legislative District, completing the term of
7 the late Representative Myron J. Olson who died unexpectedly;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Deets distinguished himself throughout his
10 career as a public servant who helped people in multiple
11 roles; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Deets was preceded in death by his parents;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Deets is survived by his wife of 25 years,
15 Jan; his children, Christopher (Jennifer) Deets, Amy (Joseph)
16 Jasmon, David (Lara Cooper) Deets, and Edward (McAley) Deets;
17 his stepchildren, Christopher (Aluinn) Gunnon, DVM, Jeffrey
18 (Jennifer) Gunnon, and Katherine (Joshua) McNitt; 17
19 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren with one on the
20 way; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we mourn the passing of David K. Deets, M.D. and extend our
3 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
4 and loved him; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Dr. Deets as an expression of our
7 deepest sympathy.