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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Daniel Lee "Dan" Parr, M.D. of rural
4 Pekin, who passed away on January 7, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Parr was born in Mason City to Virtus and
6 Gertrude (Spencer) Parr on February 26, 1935; he graduated
7 from Bradley University with a Bachelor of Science in
8 Chemistry and Biology in 1957; he then graduated from the
9 University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago in 1962;
10 he completed his residency at Decatur and Macon County
11 Hospital in Decatur; he also completed a residency in family
12 practice at Methodist Medical Center in Peoria with the
13 University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria; he was
14 married to Loretta Jean Combs for 23 years and later to
15 Kathleen McKenna for 13 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Parr was drafted into the U.S. Navy and
17 served in the U.S. Air Force as captain and a flight surgeon
18 for the Air Defense Squadron at Loring Air Force Base in
19 Caribou, Maine from 1963 to 1965; he also had attended the
20 School of Aerospace Medicine in San Antonio, Texas; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Parr established his private practice in
22 Tremont in 1965 following his military service; his practice

1 later moved to Pekin, and he had privileges at Pekin Hospital,
2 OSF St. Francis Medical Center, and Methodist Medical Center;
3 in retirement, he worked in the emergency department at Pekin
4 Hospital and at Caterpillar, Inc. doing wellness physicals;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Parr enjoyed spending time with his family;
7 he was a man of exceptional moral character and truly cared
8 about people; he loved science and animals and always had a
9 great interest in airplanes and flying; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Parr was preceded in death by his parents and
11 his sisters, Winifred Fredricks, Allice Booth, and Lucille
12 Dupage; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Parr is survived by his son, Daniel L.
14 (Holly) Parr; his daughters, Cathleen (Steve) Orr, Stephanie
15 (Gary) Barth, Patricia Parr, and Judith (William) Johnson; his
16 grandchildren, Daniel (Lauren) Parr IV, Logan Parr, Lauren
17 (Jesi) James, Oliver (Daniel) Barth-Carson, Andrew Johnson,
18 and Ashley Johnson (Matthew Avery); and his
19 great-grandchildren, Daniel L. "Levi" Parr V and Wrenley
20 Avery; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Daniel Lee "Dan" Parr, M.D. and extend our sincere condolences
2 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
3 it further

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