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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of Dr. Richard J. Martwick IV, who passed  
4 away on November 5, 2024; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Martwick born to Richard J. III and Frances  
6 Wiercioch Martwick in 1929; he graduated from Fenwick High  
7 School and attended the University of Detroit; he played on  
8 the Detroit Titans football team and served as co-captain for  
9 the team that tied for the MVC championship in 1953; he earned  
10 his degree in education in 1954; he married Mary Ann Fogarty;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Martwick joined the U.S. Air Force, where he  
13 served as a first lieutenant and discovered a passion for  
14 boxing, later becoming the Great Plains Heavyweight Champion;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Martwick returned to Chicago, where he taught  
17 English and coached the football team at Ridgewood High  
18 School, serving as athletics director from 1969 to 1970; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Martwick served as the Cook County Regional  
20 Superintendent of Education from 1970 until the position was  
21 dissolved in 1994, making his 24-year tenure the last to hold

1     that position; and

2           WHEREAS, Dr. Martwick was presented with an Honorary  
3     Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters in 1977 by the University of  
4     Detroit for his efforts to greatly enhance the progress of  
5     education throughout a large and complex school system through  
6     innovative programs, education for disabled students, and  
7     inspiring leadership; and

8           WHEREAS, Dr. Martwick had a huge heart, loved his family,  
9     and was as loyal of a person as anyone could ever meet; he was  
10    tough in body, tough in spirit, and tough in mind; he believed  
11    in doing things the right way, following the rules and giving  
12    100%, and expected that in himself and others; most of all, he  
13    was filled with pride for his entire family; and

14          WHEREAS, Dr. Martwick was preceded in death by his parents  
15    and his wife, Mary Ann; and

16          WHEREAS, Dr. Martwick is survived by his sons, Richard J.  
17    Martwick V and Thomas (Nicole) Martwick, and his brother,  
18    former Norwood Park Township Democratic Committeeman and  
19    Secretary of the Cook County Democratic Party Robert F.  
20    Martwick; therefore, be it

21          RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
2 Dr. Richard J. Martwick IV and extend our sincere condolences  
3 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
4 it further

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