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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Stuart Allen Yaffe, M.D. of
4 Springfield, who passed away on June 11, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Yaffe was born to Samuel and Florence
6 (Gralnick) Yaffe in Springfield on July 6, 1927; he graduated
7 from Springfield High School in 1945; he served stateside in
8 the United States Army during World War II for 18 months; he
9 attended and graduated from the University of Alaska Fairbanks
10 before Alaska gained statehood; he earned his medical degree
11 from St. Louis University; he married Natalie Goldstein in St.
12 Louis, Missouri on December 21, 1952, and she preceded him in
13 death on March 13, 2021; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Yaffe returned to Springfield to join the
15 general practice of Dr. Rex Campbell; he viewed smoking as the
16 number one avoidable cause of death in our society and was
17 serving as president of the Sangamon County Medical Society
18 when an agreement was reached in 1989 to ban smoking in St.
19 John's and Memorial Hospitals; after his daughter, Kim,
20 finished her family medicine residency in 1990, she joined his
21 practice, and they worked side-by-side as Springfield Clinic
22 partners for a quarter century until he retired at age 89; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Yaffe was a life member of the American
2 Academy of Family Practice, which he joined in 1962, and he was
3 a longtime member of Temple B'rith Sholom in Springfield; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Yaffe began pursuing running as a hobby at
5 the age of 40, and he could often be seen running in Washington
6 Park six days a week or more well into his 70s; his passion for
7 running led him to making great friends and completing 38
8 marathons; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Yaffe will be remembered as a proud and
10 loving husband, father, and grandfather and as a physician who
11 remained dedicated to the welfare of his patients; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Yaffe is survived by his children, Scott
13 (Edie) Yaffe and Kim (Bernie) Schoenburg, M.D., and four
14 grandchildren, Steven (Allison) Yaffe, David Yaffe, Sam (Nigel
15 Cooney) Schoenburg, and Elly (Victor) Schoenburg Obasaju;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Stuart Allen Yaffe, M.D. and extend our sincere condolences to
20 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
21 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Dr. Yaffe as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.