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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Dr. John B. Dale of Brimfield, who passed away on February 15, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Dale was born in Mt. Vernon to Bruce and Diana (Jones) Dale on December 14, 1969; he graduated from Woodlawn High School in 1988, where he was class president and valedictorian; he attended Washington University in St. Louis and then Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine, where he received his doctorate in 1995; he married Sarah E. McKee in Alton on September 10, 1994; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Dale served in the U.S. Navy as a dentist for seven years, achieving the rank of lieutenant commander; he was stationed in Maryland and Rhode Island and overseas in Japan; he was decorated with seven medals for outstanding achievement and service and began a clinic for dependent spouses and children while stationed in Japan; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Dale left the military and returned to school at the St. Louis University-Center for Advanced Dental Education, where he received his Master of Science and Endodontic Specialty degree in 2001; he practiced in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area for more than three years and then

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1 opened his own endodontist office in Peoria in February of
2 2004; he became a diplomate of the American Board of
3 Endodontics in 2008; he opened his second location adjacent to
4 Illinois Central College in 2016; he prided himself on
5 spending time with patients to explain procedures while
6 providing treatment as gently and quickly as possible and to
7 the highest of standards; he believed in treating each patient
8 as he would want his loved ones to be treated; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Dale's professional memberships and
10 affiliations included, Diplomate with the American Board of
11 Endodontics, the Edgar D. Coolidge Study Club, the American
12 Association of Endodontics, the Illinois Endodontic
13 Association, the Illinois State Dental Society, the Peoria
14 District Dental Society, the American Dental Association, and
15 the Academy of General Dentistry (1995-2001); and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Dale pursued many hobbies; he was a high
17 school and college baseball umpire and a boy's high school
18 basketball referee for many years; he was well-versed in
19 playing many musical instruments and was currently studying
20 cello; he was a private pilot who was working on becoming
21 instrument rated; he loved watching old movies, traveling,
22 reading, art, and spending time with family and friends; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Dale was a member of St. Mary's Catholic

1 Church in Kickapoo; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Dale was preceded in death by his brother,
3 Tim Dale; his beloved grandparents; and his uncle, Larry
4 Reynolds; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Dale is survived by his wife, Sarah; his
6 daughter, Elizabeth Dale; his mother and stepfather, Diana and
7 Ron Winterheimer; his father and stepmother, Bruce and
8 Candace Dale; his sister, Kristen (Rodney) Tracer; his
9 nephews, Grayson, Gavin, and Griffin; two stepbrothers; one
10 stepsister; and many dear aunts, uncles, and cousins;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Dr. John B. Dale 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. Dale as a symbol of our deepest
19 sympathy.