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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 Reverend Dr. Eugene Hobday Winkler of Naperville, who passed away on June 16, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Winkler was born in Dewitt, Arkansas to Eugene D. and Hester E. Winkler on December 28, 1933; he was a proud Eagle Scout and was lovingly married to Marilyn Louise Moyer Winkler; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Winkler was a United Methodist preacher who served local congregations in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Illinois for more than 50 years; he was the senior pastor of the First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple; he was an acclaimed preacher, a deeply and widely read man, and a noted theologian; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Winkler was a founder of Protestants for the Common Good; he served on the Illinois Gaming Board, and with the Illinois chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, Wiley College, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, and countless other organizations; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Winkler was a believer in forgiveness, love, mercy, kindness, and justice; he was a historian on the

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1 Civil War and his beloved City of Chicago; he was a ceaseless
2 advocate for civil rights and inclusion of all people and was
3 known for his commitment to social justice causes; he was
4 passionately involved in struggles against racism, war,
5 poverty, and was fearless in his advocacy; and

6 WHEREAS, Eugene Winkler was preceded in death by his wife
7 of 60 years, Marilyn, and his brothers, Paul (Gail) and Edward
8 (Nina); and

9 WHEREAS, Eugene Winkler is survived by his children, James
10 (Michelle), Christopher (Kerry), and Grace Elizabeth (Jim)
11 Cranley; his grandchildren, Kristen (Darren) Garvey, Brandon
12 (Sharlene), Grace (Alan) Shwartz, Samuel, Austin, Maddie, and
13 Zaida; and his great-grandchildren, Elliott and Leo;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Reverend Dr. Eugene Hobday Winkler, and extend our sincere
18 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
19 him; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Eugene Winkler as an expression of
22 our deepest sympathy.