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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 Dale Michael Geiss, MD, who passed away on June 11, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Geiss was born in Mandan, North Dakota to Lawrence and Clara Geiss on April 6, 1944; he was an excellent student and was chosen to enter the Catholic seminary at the age of 14; he finished high school and two years of college at St. John's Seminary; he earned a degree from North Dakota State University and did his graduate work in neuropsychology; he received his medical degree from Baylor University in Texas; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Geiss completed surgical residencies in California, Wisconsin, and Toronto; he became proficient in both adult and pediatric cardiac surgery; he settled in Peoria and established a reputation for superior skills and immense compassion; he founded the Children's Heart Institute in 1980 and accomplished many "firsts", such as pediatric mitral valve repair and the Norwood procedure; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Geiss spent most of his surgical career at OSF St. Francis in Peoria; later, he helped revive struggling programs in the Quad Cities and Champaign-Urbana; he completed

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1 12,000 surgeries over his lifetime; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Geiss could make it fun to be in the operating  
3 room; he enjoyed flying his twin engine Aerostar; he loved  
4 watching sports, especially football, and caring for stray  
5 cats; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Geiss's family includes Pam, Kristin, and  
7 Pam's daughter, Amy; Kristin is married to Michael Curran and  
8 has four grown children and three grandkids; Amy and her  
9 husband, Bill, have twin teenage boys; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
12 Dale Michael Geiss, MD and extend our sincere condolences to  
13 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Dr. Geiss as an expression of our  
17 deepest sympathy.