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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. Gerald L. O'Keefe of Moline, who passed away on October 28, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. O'Keefe was born to Eugene and Louise Chaput O'Keefe in Walhalla, North Dakota on June 19, 1937; he married Doris Folstrom in West St. Paul, Minnesota on July 8 1961; he served in the U.S. Army; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. O'Keefe worked as a veterinarian at River Bend Animal Clinic in Moline, retiring after 35 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. O'Keefe was a member of the Illinois Veterinary Medical Association and the American Animal Hospital Association, and he served on the Rock Island County Vicariate of Catholic Schools Board of Trustees; he was a past member of the Moline Rotary and a Paul Harris Fellow; he was a past president of the Midwest Small Animal Association, the Sacred Heart Parish Council, the Sacred Heart Catholic School Board, the Seton Catholic School Board, and the Alleman Booster Club; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. O'Keefe enjoyed hiking and golfing, and he

1 loved spending time at his grandchildren's activities; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. O'Keefe was preceded in death by his
3 brother, Jim O'Keefe; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. O'Keefe is survived by his wife, Doris; his
5 children, Dan (Maureen) O'Keefe, Karen (Jeff)
6 O'Keefe-Franzen, Dave (Catherine) O'Keefe, and Susan (Dave)
7 Lynch; 11 grandchildren; his siblings, Larry (Marge) O'Keefe,
8 Theresa Malone, Kathleen Melaas, and Pat (Judy Cox-Clark)
9 O'Keefe; his sister-in-law, Jan O'Keefe; and many nieces and
10 nephews; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Dr. Gerald L. O'Keefe and extend our sincere condolences to
14 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
15 further

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