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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 Richard P. Henke, who passed away on April 9, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Henke graduated cum laude from Knox College in 1956 with a degree in chemistry; while at Knox, he participated in intramural swimming and track, served as treasurer of Campus Chest, and was a member and president of Phi Gamma Delta; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Henke attended Stanford Medical School and received his M.D. in 1960; he continued his career with an internship and residencies in internal medicine and pathology at the University of Minnesota and the University of California School of Medicine; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Henke was certified by the American Board of Pathology in 1966 and served as a pathologist in private practices in Daly City and Long Beach, California; he was affiliated with the American Society for Microbiology and the American Society of Clinical Pathologists; he served on the board of the Association for Practitioners in Infection Control and for two terms as the president of the California Society of Pathologists; and

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1 WHEREAS, Richard Henke was involved in graduate and
2 postgraduate education at the University of California,
3 Irvine, California State University Dominguez Hills, and
4 California State University of Long Beach, where he helped
5 educate physicians, nurses, and laboratory technologists; and

6 WHEREAS, Richard Henke's devotion to both his family and
7 Knox College was evident to all who knew him; he and his late
8 wife, Sophia Dimitriadis, made several notable contributions
9 to the college, including the Henke Distinguished
10 Professorship endowment, which honors a faculty member who
11 demonstrates excellence in undergraduate teaching, the Richard
12 P. and Sophia D. Henke Music Fund, which supports various
13 initiatives and capital needs of the music department,
14 enabling the program to be dynamic and student-centered, and
15 the Richard P. and Sophia D. Henke Library Fellowship, which
16 provides an immersive experience in academic librarianship for
17 students interested in libraries and archives as a possible
18 career; and

19 WHEREAS, Richard Henke was an active volunteer in his
20 community, local city government, library district, and
21 professional organizations; and

22 WHEREAS, Richard Henke was preceded in death by his wife,

1 Sophia; and

2 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Richard Henke was
3 survived by loving family members, including his son, William
4 Henke, and his granddaughter, Sophia Elswick; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Richard P. Henke and extend our sincere condolences to his
8 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Richard Henke as an expression of
12 our deepest sympathy.