



1

SENATE RESOLUTION

2

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Dr. Curzio Paesani of Peoria Heights on November 23, 2005; he practiced dentistry for 48 years in Peoria and retired in 1998; and

6

WHEREAS, He was born on September 21, 1922, in Vallerano, Italy, to Giuseppe and Angelina Loser Paesani; he grew up in Coalton, Illinois, before moving to Peoria; he married Dorothy Anne Keel on October 10, 1953, in Clarksville, Tennessee; and

10

WHEREAS, He was a World War II Marine veteran serving in the Pacific Theatre, where he served as 1st Lieutenant in the 5th and 2nd Division for 37 months; and

13

WHEREAS, A graduate of Nokomis Township High School, he attended Carthage College; he was a graduate of Northwestern University, where he earned his bachelor's degree; he attended University of Illinois graduate school, earning a degree in engineering; he earned his dental degree from Loyola in 1950; he was a member of Delta Sigma Delta Fraternity; and

19

WHEREAS, He was also a member of the Peoria Vocation Group, the Country Club of Peoria, a member and general chairman for the State meeting for the Illinois State Dental Society, a past president and member of the Peoria District Dental Society, and a member of the Illinois State Dental Society, having served on the Executive Council for six years; he also served on the Council of Dental Education and Commission on Dental Accreditation with the American Dental Association; the Dental Assisting National Board, where he served as Chairman; and he was co-founder of Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting at I.C.C.; and

30

WHEREAS, He established a modern dental clinic at a mission

1 in Tiacoachistlahuaca, Mexico, sponsored by Holy Family
2 Church; he was a volunteer at the city and county dental clinic
3 that served Heartland and Mother Krasse patients; and

4 WHEREAS, He authored a book on the history of dentistry in
5 Peoria called "Open Wide This Won't Hurt"; he also was a member
6 of the International College of Dentistry, L.D. Pankey Study
7 Club, and St. Thomas Catholic Church, where he formerly served
8 on the Parish Council; he was a former member of the OSF St.
9 Francis Foundation Board; and

10 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; and

11 WHEREAS, The passing of Dr. Curzio Paesani is felt by all
12 who knew and loved him, especially his wife, Dorothy; his sons,
13 Patrick Paesani and Michael Paesani; his daughter, Lisa Paesani
14 (Dr. Dave) Dexter; his brothers, Dr. Peter (Neva) Paesani and
15 Gene (Adele) Paesani; and his eight grandchildren; therefore,
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Dr. Curzio Paesani and extend our sincerest condolences to his
20 family, friends, and community; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
23 sympathy.