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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. Robert Reschke, who passed away on January 22, 2016 at the age of 92; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Reschke was born in Berwyn; his family moved to Geneseo during the Depression; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Reschke served his country for 3 years in the United States Army during World War II; initially assigned to the Air Corps, he was selected for the Army Specialized Training Program, which pointed him toward a medical career; after completing pre-med at Harvard University, he attended Boston University School of Medicine, graduating in 1949; he served his medical residency at Wesley Memorial Hospital in Chicago, where he met his wife, Wilma, a nurse; returning to the USAF during the Korean War as a flight surgeon, he was awarded the Bronze Star; after returning from Korea, he served 5 more years in the United States Air Force Reserve; and

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WHEREAS, In 1954, Dr. Robert Reschke came to Naperville to practice family medicine with Dr. Glenn Wolf; along with Judge Win Knoch and Judge Mel Abrahamson, they were instrumental in convincing the Edward Tuberculosis Sanatorium Board that a

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1 better use of the facility would be a conversion into an acute  
2 care community hospital; many hours were spent establishing the  
3 governance of the medical staff and Edward Hospital opened in  
4 1955; in 1962, Dr. Reschke became President of the Edward  
5 Hospital medical staff; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Reschke delivered more than 1,000  
7 babies in the Naperville community; in the 1970s, he served in  
8 a preceptor program with Chicago Medical School, in which  
9 senior students would come and "shadow" him for 3 weeks at a  
10 time; in 1988, he was honored by the Illinois Academy of Family  
11 Physicians as one of the top 5 candidates for the Family  
12 Physician of the Year award; and

13 WHEREAS, After retirement, Dr. Robert Reschke joined  
14 "Hurrah" in District 203 and tutored junior high students for  
15 10 years; he also kept busy by taking classes in history and  
16 humanities at the College of DuPage, acquiring over 100 credit  
17 hours over a period of 15 years; in recent years, he attended  
18 several classes at Benedictine University's Center for  
19 Lifelong Learning; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Reschke was a founder of the Community  
21 Fund and served as Chair of the Audit Committee; during those  
22 years, he coached Little League teams and was President of the  
23 Pony League; during his 40 years in family practice, he

1 frequently served as a volunteer physician for Central High  
2 home football games and served as the physician of North  
3 Central College for 25 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Upon his retirement, Dr. Robert Reschke received a  
5 proclamation from the Mayor and City Council of Naperville  
6 designating March 31, 1994 as "Dr. Robert L. Reschke Day" in  
7 Naperville; he also received a proclamation by the Illinois  
8 House of Representatives for outstanding service to the  
9 community of Naperville, offered by Representative Mary Lou  
10 Cowlshaw; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Reschke is preceded in death by his  
12 parents, Richard and Genevieve Reschke; his sisters, Ruth Tarp  
13 and Fran Riffel; and his brother, Richard Reschke; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Reschke and his wife of 65 years,  
15 Wilma, have 4 children, Susan (William) Gorski, Wayne (Jill)  
16 Reschke, Dean (Lynell) Reschke, and Keith (Sally) Reschke; 12  
17 grandchildren, Jennie, Jeff, Jason, Julie, Paul, Kevin,  
18 Melanie, Danielle, Gretchen, Kyle, Kent, and Kristen; and 5  
19 great-grandchildren, Noah, Sophia, Aivry, Logan, and Quentin;  
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his

1 family and friends, mourn the passing of Dr. Robert Reschke;  
2 and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to the family of Dr. Robert Reschke as an expression  
5 of our sympathy.