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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 W. Robert Elghammer M.D., who passed away on December 2, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Elghammer was born in Chicago to Dr. H. William and Anna Stena (Peterson) Elghammer on June 26, 1923; he married Doris E. Postlewaite on September 11, 1948; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Elghammer received his undergraduate medical education at the University of Chicago and interned at St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago; he served a pediatric residency at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago and completed a fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota under world-renowned pediatrician, Dr. Benjamin Spock; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Elghammer served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946 and then with the United States Public Health Service in Alaska; he began his pediatric practice in Danville on January 16, 1953, retiring in 2011; and

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WHEREAS, In 1956, Dr. Elghammer spearheaded a drive to inoculate all the children of Vermilion County from polio; he was known to provide free vaccinations from other diseases to children from families who could not afford to pay for them; he

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1 was instrumental in the founding of the Vermilion County Mental  
2 Health Center and the Intensive Care Nursery at Danville Lake  
3 View Hospital; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Elghammer was a founding board member of  
5 Vermilion County Head Start and was the founding President of  
6 the Vermilion County Historical Museum Society; he was a member  
7 of First Presbyterian Church, the Danville Country Club, the  
8 American Medical Association, the Illinois State Medical  
9 Association, and the Vermilion County Medical Society; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Elghammer was preceded in death by his wife,  
11 Doris; his son, Eric; his parents; and his brother, Richard;  
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13 WHEREAS, Dr. Elghammer is survived by his children, James,  
14 Richard, Eric, and Sally (Hornett), and his grandchildren, Dean  
15 and Ellen; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
18 W. Robert Elghammer M.D., and extend our sincere condolences to  
19 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
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21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Dr. Elghammer as an expression of  
2 our deepest sympathy.