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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 Francis Streitz of Joliet who passed away on March 21, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Streitz was born in Joliet to Richard and Cecelia (Ryan) on November 25, 1921; he graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1940 and attended Grinnell College in Iowa on a football scholarship before entering the United States Navy; he served on the USS Repose helping with dental care and toured the Pacific Theatre during World War II, following his service in the Navy, he graduated from Loyola Dental School and attended the Forsyth Clinic in Boston; he married Jean Kavanaugh in 1953; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Streitz was involved in original growth studies and specialized in pediatric dentistry before it was a specialty; he began the Pediatric Department at Loyola University where he treated many children in the greater Joliet area; he then opened his own practice where he performed dentistry for over 50 years; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Streitz volunteered at Will Grundy Medical Clinic on his days off performing many extractions; he was also a member of the Joliet Chamber of Commerce and was one

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1 of the founding fathers of the Joliet Area Community Hospice  
2 and St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church and School, where he  
3 remained a devoted member; and

4 WHEREAS, Richard Streitz spent his time away from the  
5 office with his family and friends enjoying different parts of  
6 the country including Innisbrook, Florida, the Northwoods of  
7 Wisconsin, and skiing in the mountains; he will long be  
8 remembered for his professional integrity, humor, and his  
9 athleticism on the tennis court, ski hill, and golf course; he  
10 shared the gift of his friendship with so many and was devoted  
11 to his family in the role as "Papa"; and

12 WHEREAS, Richard Streitz was preceded in death by his  
13 parents; and his sister, Delores; and

14 WHEREAS, Richard Streitz is survived by his wife, Jean; his  
15 children, Richard (Mary) Streitz, Nanette (Philip) Coon,  
16 Colleen (Martin) Buehler, and Dr. Mark (Ann) Streitz; his  
17 grandchildren, Weston Streitz, Chapin (Stephen) Konsler, Sarah  
18 (Nathan) Byram, Katherine Coon (fiancee Michael Bohling),  
19 Morgan (Adam) Zanotti, Martin Buehler Jr., and Callie and Ryan  
20 Streitz; his great-grandchildren, McKenna, Main, and Reilly  
21 Byram; his brother, Dr. Thomas (Susan) Streitz; many nieces and  
22 nephews, and his forever chair-side canine companion, Piper;  
23 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
3 Richard Francis Streit, and extend our sincere condolences to  
4 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
5 further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to the family of Richard Streit as an expression of  
8 our deepest sympathy.