



SR0530

LRB100 12873 MST 26638 r

1

SENATE RESOLUTION

2

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to  
3 learn of the death of Donald Marion Pedro M.D. of Chicago; and

4

WHEREAS, Dr. Pedro was born in New York City, New York to  
5 George and Georgie Pedro on July 7, 1929; he attended Brooklyn  
6 College from 1947 to 1948 and graduated from Lincoln University  
7 in Pennsylvania in 1951 with a degree in biology; he graduated  
8 from Howard University Medical School in 1955 and served an  
9 internship at Harlem Hospital in New York City; he married  
10 Dolores Massey; and

11

WHEREAS, After his internship, Dr. Pedro served as a  
12 "Jumping Doctor" in the United States Army with the 82nd  
13 Medical Company, 82nd Airborne Division out of Ft. Bragg, North  
14 Carolina from 1957 until 1959 when he was honorably discharged;  
15 and

16

WHEREAS, Dr. Pedro returned home and established his  
17 practice in Morgan Park on the far south side of Chicago; in  
18 1975, he relocated to South Halsted and named it the Morgan  
19 Park Medical Center; he was the only physician in the Chicago  
20 area to continue making house calls long after the service was  
21 considered obsolete; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Pedro married Lorraine Baskerville in 1966,  
2 Elaine Sharon Davis in 1986, and Isabel G. Henderson in 1995;  
3 and

4           WHEREAS, Dr. Pedro supported the Jackie Robinson West  
5 Little League and its annual parade; he participated annually  
6 in the Phoebe's Place Health Fair at the Maple Park United  
7 Methodist Church and the Gatling's Chapel Annual Fest; and

8           WHEREAS, In the 1996 and 2000 Presidential Elections, Dr.  
9 Pedro was appointed by then-Illinois Senate Democratic Leader,  
10 Emil Jones Jr. to serve as a member of the Electoral College;  
11 in October of 2000, Halsted Street between 111th and 112th  
12 streets was honorably named "Dr. Donald M. Pedro Way"; and

13           WHEREAS, Dr. Pedro was an active member of the Midwest  
14 Bridge Unit, where he served as president and was honored in  
15 2005 with a Life Membership Award from the American Bridge  
16 Association, the association's highest recognition; and

17           WHEREAS, Dr. Pedro retired from his practice in 2008; he  
18 enjoyed fishing, photography, traveling, and spending time  
19 with his family; and

20           WHEREAS, Dr. Pedro leaves to cherish his memory, his only  
21 sister, Laura (Carol) [Kevin, Marla, Paul]; his children,

1 Donald Jr. (Alese) [Portia, Allison], Bruce (LaJuan) [Romani,  
2 Charldon], Patrice, Anthony (Heather) [Airikka, Christopher,  
3 Shirvonne, Shadaia], Sharon [Kenneth, Lorraine], Ishida (Jim)  
4 [Sherida, Dionna, John, Nathanael, Krystle, Kristina], James  
5 [Shannea], Riccardo [Rickya], Garnett, Valerie [Riccardo,  
6 Martell, Marquis, Ashley], Laura [Geordon, Goldyn], and Donna;  
7 his bonus children, Donielle, Christopher, Natalie, Victoria,  
8 and Michelle (Charles); and a host of nieces, nephews,  
9 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and  
10 great-great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
13 Donald Marion Pedro M.D., and extend our sincere condolences to  
14 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Dr. Pedro as an expression of our  
18 deepest sympathy.