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## SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Dr. N.V.R. Raju of Crystal Lake, who 4 passed away on October 22, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Raju was born in India to N.V.A.N. Raju and Suryakanthamma (Penumetsa) Raju on May 30, 1949; the oldest of four children, he excelled both academically at Andhra Medical College in his hometown of Vizag, as well as athletically on the cricket field, where he played for both his university and the Ranji Trophy; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from medical school in India, Dr. Raju came to the United States, where he completed his residency in Internal Medicine at the Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago, and his fellowship in Cardiology at the Cleveland Clinic; he practiced as an interventional cardiologist at Centegra Hospital-McHenry (formerly Northern Illinois Medical Center) and Centegra Hospital-Woodstock (formerly Memorial Hospital, Woodstock) for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, patients were his passion, and work was his enjoyment; he touched many hearts with his compassion and treated many cardiac aliments with his clinical skills; he was active, not only in the local community, but

also in the hospital administration, where he served on many

- 2 committees; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Dr. Raju enjoyed spending time with his family and
- 4 friends; he treasured the moments he spent with his
- 5 grandchildren the most; he will remain in their hearts forever;
- 6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, Dr. Raju was preceded in death by his father; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Dr. Raju is survived by his wife, Rama Devi; his
- 9 sons, Mahesh (Priya), Bharat (Angela), and Pradeep (Jenna); his
- 10 grandchildren, Sahana, Ilina, Dhilan, Riyan, Karsin, Kaia, and
- 11 Avaanya; his mother in India; his brother; and his two sisters;
- 12 therefore, be it
- 13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
- 14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- Dr. N.V.R. Raju and extend our sincere condolences to his
- 16 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 17 further
- 18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 19 presented to the family of Dr. Raju as an expression of our
- deepest sympathy.