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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. Lyle Eugene Wacaser of Springfield, who passed away on August 14, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Lyle Wacaser was born to Paul and Helen (Keyes) Wacaser in Lovington on November 9, 1932; he graduated as class president and valedictorian from Lovington High School; he earned a bachelor's degree in science from the University of Illinois; he was member of a number of organizations and societies, including Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Eta Sigma, Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Omega Alpha; and

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WHEREAS, in 1957, Dr. Lyle Wacaser received his medical degree from the University of Illinois in Chicago; after an internship at Presbyterian Hospital (now Rush Medical Center) in Chicago, he completed his neurosurgical residency at the University of Illinois; he spent the following year as a fellow at the International College of Surgeons in Gothenburg, Sweden under the famous neurovascular surgeon, Dr. Norlene; after his residency, he joined Dr. Floyd Barringer's neurosurgical practice in Springfield; he practiced neurosurgery for several years until he entered the U.S. Army Medical Corps in 1967 during the Vietnam War; he was stationed at the 95th Evacuation Hospital near DeNang; he entered the army as a Major and was

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1 honorably discharged as a Lt. Colonel; and

2 WHEREAS, in 1970, Dr. Lyle Wacaser returned to Springfield
3 and went into private practice, first with his brother, Dr.
4 Larry Wacaser, and later with his wife, Dr. Constance Kayser;
5 he retired in 2000 as a highly respected and much loved
6 neurosurgeon; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Lyle Wacaser served as Chairman of the
8 Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery at Springfield
9 Memorial Medical Center and on the faculty of the SIU Medical
10 School; he was member of the American Medical Association, the
11 Congress of Neurological Surgeons, and the American
12 Association of Neurological Surgeons; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Lyle Wacaser was known for his wicked sense of
14 humor, incredible intelligence, and unending sense of fun; he
15 kept a magnificent vegetable garden and was an avid fisherman
16 and world traveler; he visited many countries on six
17 continents, including many trips to Vietnam to visit his old
18 friend and former neurosurgical mentee, Dr. Dung Le; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Lyle Wacaser was preceded in death by his
20 parents; his brothers, Lawrence and Deane Wacaser; and his son,
21 Kurt Wacaser; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Lyle Wacaser is survived by his wife, Dr.
2 Constance Kayser; his children, Kathy (Mick) Hawken, Melissa
3 James, and Lyle (AJ) Wacaser; his stepdaughter, Cid Hart; his
4 sister, Ellen Wacaser Keyes; his eight grandchildren, his six
5 great-grandchildren; and his nine nieces and nephews;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Dr. Lyle Eugene Wacaser and extend our sincere condolences to
10 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Dr. Lyle Wacaser as an expression of
14 our deepest sympathy.