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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. Robert J. "Bob" Heaston of Naperville and Vienna, Virginia, who passed away on February 20, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, He was born March 3, 1931 in Kansas City, Kansas; he received his B.S. and M.S. in chemical engineering from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and a PhD in chemical engineering from Ohio State University in Columbus; and

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WHEREAS, He attended the National War College in Washington D.C.; he was a longtime civil servant in the Department of Defense, and served for eight years as the Director of GACIAC at the Illinois Institute of Technology Research Institute in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, He was a faithful member of Christ Church of Oak Brook and the Natural Philosophy Alliance (NPA); he loved to write and enjoyed the intellectual pursuits of theoretical physics, theology, psychology, and philosophy; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Heaston is survived by his true love, Joan (Barnhisel) Heaston, whom he married December 29, 1956; he was the loving father of John (Fran) Heaston, Barbara (Dan) Van Der Werken, and Beth (Scott) Kanady; the loving "Papa" of Brittany,

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1 Bobby, Tori, Ben, Alee, Lauren, Bekah, Sarah, Rachel, and  
2 Lizzy; the son of the late Buzz and Mildred Heaston; the dear  
3 brother of Jean (Marvin) Andrews, Jim (the late Devonna)  
4 Heaston, Bill (Jane) Heaston, Chuck (Lynn) Heaston, Buzz (Ann)  
5 Heaston, and the late Jane (the late Roger) Walker; and the  
6 fond uncle of many; therefore, be it

7       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
9 his family and friends, the passing of Dr. Robert "Bob"  
10 Heaston; and be it further

11       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Dr. Robert Heaston as a symbol of  
13 our sincere sympathy.