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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. William Joseph Tansey, II, who passed away on December 20, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. William Tansey was born on December 31, 1936 in Chicago; he attended grade school in Oak Park, graduated from Loyola Academy, and earned his bachelor's degree from Loyola University of Chicago; he received his medical degree from the Loyola Stritch School of Medicine; he married Jacqueline Vogel in 1965; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. William Tansey was an orthopedic surgeon for more than 50 years at Good Samaritan, St. Anne's, and Loretto hospitals; he was the former chief of staff at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove; he was a member of the planning committee in 1974 that led to the opening of the hospital in 1976 and served on the staff; he was named chief in 1981 and retired in 1999; he also taught orthopedic surgery at Northwestern University for over 35 years; he was the lead medical expert in the marketing of the first ever hand held x-ray device, the lixiscopes; he traveled to China in 1985 on a Harvard Medical Sino scientific exchange; from 1998 to recently, he made 4 pilgrimages to Lourdes, France as part of a medical team; and

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1 WHEREAS, Dr. William Tansey earned his pilot's license in
2 1967 and enlisted in the United States Air Force Reserve; he
3 was attached to the medical unit at Elmdorf Air Force Base in
4 Alaska; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. William Tansey was ordained a Roman Catholic
6 deacon in 1999 for the Diocese of Joliet and was a long-time
7 deacon at Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church in Oakbrook
8 Terrace; he helped many people through his involvement in
9 Catholic Charities, the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, and the
10 Knights of Malta; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. William Tansey joined the Sovereign Military
12 Hospital Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and Malta
13 American Association, USA in 1996; he served on the Loyola
14 Stritch School of Medicine Annual Award Dinner's Executive
15 Committee for many years and was named general chairman in
16 1996; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. William Tansey served as a champion for the
18 sick and the poor throughout his life; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. William Tansey was the beloved husband of 48
20 years of Jacqueline (nee Vogel); the loving father of William,
21 John (Susan), Michael (Janeta), Michelle, Melissa (Yuthikar)

1 Sokban, Timothy (Suzanne), Joseph (Kelley), and Mary Therese
2 Tansey; and the devoted grandfather of 13; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 Dr. William Joseph Tansey, II, and extend our sincere
6 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
7 him; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Dr. William Tansey as an expression
10 of our deepest sympathy.