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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 Charles L. Swarts of Oak Park, who passed away on June 16, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Swarts was born in Chicago on April 6, 1925 to Charles E. and Louise Freidman Swarts; he graduated from New Trier Township High School in Winnetka in 1943; he served in the United States Army during World War II and in the Air Force during the Korean War; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Swarts graduated from New York Medical College in Valhalla, New York in 1950; he served as an intern at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana and as a pediatric resident at the University of Michigan Poliomyelitis and Respiratory and Rehabilitation Center, during which time he assisted with the beta test of the Salk Vaccine for Polio; from 1958-59, he was a fellow at the Karolinska Institutet in Sweden and researched the first breath of infants; he was board certified in pediatrics by the American Board of Pediatrics, and in Allergy and Immunology by the American Board of Allergy and Immunology and the American Board of Pediatrics; and

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WHEREAS, In 1960, Charles Swarts moved to Oak Park where he practiced medicine as a pediatrician and allergist until

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1 retiring in 2000; during this period, he was on the staffs of  
2 the West Suburban Medical Center, Westlake Hospital, and the  
3 Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital; he also served as an Assistant  
4 Professor of Pediatrics/Allergy at the University of  
5 Illinois-Chicago's Presbyterian-St. Luke's Teaching Hospital;  
6 he was proud that he actively practiced medicine for 50 years  
7 without being sued for malpractice; and

8 WHEREAS, Charles Swarts was very dedicated to his  
9 community; he was as a member of the Optimist Club, the Oak  
10 Park-River Forest Chamber of Commerce, and the Oak Park Board  
11 of Health, serving as President of each of these organizations;  
12 he was especially dedicated to the youth of the community,  
13 volunteering at well-baby clinics in the inner city and with  
14 the "Bucking Bronchos" (an exercise program for children with  
15 severe asthma); he organized and volunteered at the Greater  
16 Chicago Chapter of the Allergy and Asthma Foundation of  
17 America's summer camp for children with severe asthma; he was a  
18 founder of Snuva Inc., a pharmaceutical company specializing in  
19 products for people with allergies and auto-immune diseases; he  
20 also served in many professional organizations; and

21 WHEREAS, Charles Swarts was preceded in death by his wife,  
22 Jane Evans Swarts; and

23 WHEREAS, Charles Swarts is survived by his children,

1 Suzanne Winsor, Charles F. (Maxine), and George (Susan); his  
2 grandchildren, Carla Winsor, Andrew Winsor, Charles B. Swarts,  
3 David Swarts, and Daniel Swarts; his nephews, Tom and John  
4 Livingston; and many good friends; therefore, be it

5       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
7 Charles L. Swarts, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
8 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
9 further

10       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of Charles Swarts as an expression of  
12 our deepest sympathy.