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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Stanley Zydlo of Inverness, who passed away on June 3, 2015 at the age of 81; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Zydlo was born on December 15, 1933; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Zydlo was married to his beloved wife, Joyce Reid, with their loving children, Mark, Sheri, Matt (Jennifer), Brad, Kate, and the late Kristi, the late Scott, and the late Josh; he was the proud grandfather of Rikki Ghilardi, Logan Young, Gage Person, and Jean, Dane, Jase, and Kayla Zydlo; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Zydlo was a former Major in the United States Air Force, Strategic Air Command; he left the Air Force in 1963 to practice medicine in Wabash, Indiana; and

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WHEREAS, In 1969, Dr. Zydlo moved to Chicago and joined the emergency room staff at Northwestern Community Hospital; and

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WHEREAS, After looking at the mobile intensive care units for cardiac patients that were starting to be used, Dr. Zydlo thought the idea could be expanded to other types of emergency care; and

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1 WHEREAS, Dr. Zydlo organized a meeting of northwest
2 suburban fire departments to propose the idea of training and
3 certifying firefighters in emergency medicine; he knew the
4 first 6 minutes were the most crucial for someone suffering a
5 heart attack; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Zydlo was able to begin developing a
7 first-of-its-kind paramedic program in the United States; when
8 he first went to the fire departments, the chiefs believed in
9 this program and how it could potentially lead to saving
10 thousands of lives; and

11 WHEREAS, When Dr. Zydlo first started spreading his vision
12 within the emergency medical service community, it met
13 resistance; some felt that firefighters could not be properly
14 trained to provide emergency medical care; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Zydlo would not be deterred from his vision;
16 he persisted teaching many of the paramedic courses himself,
17 and in time, he was overseeing all medical deliveries by member
18 agencies and municipalities; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1972, Northwest Community Hospital launched
20 its Mobile Intensive Care System (MICS), with the help of Dr.
21 Zydlo; the MICS served 9 communities in the northwest suburbs -

1 Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, Buffalo Grove, Lake Zurich,
2 Wheeling, Schaumburg, Hoffman Estates, Palatine, and Rolling
3 Meadows, and today this emergency medical services system
4 serves 25 member agencies, 22 area fire departments, and 3
5 private ambulance services; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Zydlo served as medical director of Northwest
7 Community's Emergency Medical Service system and its emergency
8 department for nearly 25 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Zydlo was a highly respected instructor,
10 demanding as much from his paramedic students as he did himself
11 and teaching paramedic students to never second-guess
12 themselves or hesitate because it can lead to mistakes and loss
13 of crucial time when helping a patient; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Zydlo was highly respected by the many
15 firefighters he helped train as paramedics and for establishing
16 the foundation of emergency medical response by fire
17 departments; and

18 WHEREAS, The work of Dr. Zydlo has helped to save an untold
19 number of lives; Reverend Brian Simpson stated in his eulogy,
20 "Stan was not just a private citizen. He was a public treasure.
21 Imagine if he had not been here. How many of our friends and
22 family wouldn't be here still?"; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 mourn the passing of Dr. Stanley Zydlo, and we extend our
4 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
5 and loved him and we thank him for the impact he left upon this
6 world; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Dr. Zydlo as an expression of our
9 deepest sympathy.