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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Frank J. Wall, Jr., who passed away on August 31, 2001; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Wall was born in 1908 and grew up with his seven siblings in their South Shore neighborhood; he attended St. Gabriel grammar school and St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Frank Wall was married to the late Holly Murphy, his childhood sweetheart; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Wall enrolled in law school at the University of Chicago, but on the second day of classes he dropped out and decided to follow in the footsteps of his father and uncles in the medical profession; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Wall enrolled at the Chicago Medical School in 1928 and did his internship in 1934 at Evangelical Hospital, now known as Christ Hospital Medical Center in Oak Lawn; he decided to specialize in family medicine not only for its challenges but also because it seemed a sure fit to his gentle and mild demeanor; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Wall practiced out of Evangelical Hospital and his own office on the South Side, which he later moved to Oak Lawn after the hospital relocated; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Wall served as president of Evangelical Hospital's staff in the 1960's and worked as a doctor for the Chicago Youth Organization and the Golden Gloves Boxing organization; in 1965, his son-in-law, Dr. William Ruff, joined him as a partner in his practice; and

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WHEREAS, Over the years, Dr. Wall has delivered many

1 babies on the South Side of Chicago; he got to know many of
2 his patients well and watched as families grew, generation by
3 generation; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Wall retired in 1987 but continued
5 practicing medicine as a volunteer medical director for the
6 Rosary Hill Nursing Home; he enjoyed spending time with the
7 residents and staff even after his resignation from his
8 duties; and

9 WHEREAS, During his retirement, Dr. Wall enjoyed betting
10 on horses at Arlington Racecourse and spending time with his
11 extended family; and

12 WHEREAS, The passing of Dr. Frank J. Wall, Jr. will be
13 deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his
14 children, Jo Ann (husband, William J., M.D.) Ruff, Mary Helen
15 (husband, the late Laurence) Connelly, Betty Jane (husband,
16 James) O'Toole, Lawrence C. (wife, Kathy) Wall, Ginny
17 (husband, Mike) Raftery, Terrence M., D.D.S. (wife,
18 Marilouise) Wall, John "Murph" (wife, Caryl) Wall, and was
19 preceded in death by his son, Frank Wall; his 53
20 grandchildren; his 65 great-grandchildren; his sisters, Betty
21 Reilly, Anne (husband, Arch) Gott, and Geraldine Wall; and
22 the thousands of patients over the years who have grown to
23 love Dr. Wall for his kind and gentle nature in their times
24 of need; therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
27 all who knew him, the death of Dr. Frank J. Wall, Jr. of
28 Palos Heights, Illinois; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
30 presented to the family of Dr. Frank J. Wall, Jr. with our
31 sincere condolences.