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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. James W. "Jim" Thatcher of Moline, who passed away on August 31, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Thatcher was born in Marshalltown, Iowa to Thomas Warren and Hazel Florence (Martin) Thatcher on August 29, 1935; his family moved to a small farm near Cedar, Iowa, where he attended high school; he graduated from Iowa Wesleyan College in 1957 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology; he served two years in the U.S. Army, spending 13 months in Korea; and

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WHEREAS, Upon his discharge from the military, Dr. Thatcher became alumni director at Elmhurst College; he married Marilyn Joyce Schweitzer in Hedrick, Iowa on May 6, 1961; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Thatcher graduated from the College of Dentistry at the University of Iowa in 1965 with a Doctor of Dental Surgery; he was accepted into an oral surgery residency at the University of Iowa in 1965; after completion of the master's program in oral surgery, he was on the University of Iowa teaching staff for five years; he joined the River Valley Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery practice in Moline in 1974 and retired in 1998; and

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1 WHEREAS, Dr. Thatcher was active in many dental
2 organizations, including serving as the president of the Rock
3 Island District Dental Society and president of the Illinois
4 Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons; he volunteered
5 as a board examiner for the American Board of Oral and
6 Maxillofacial Surgery for six years; he also participated on
7 several committees of the American Association of Oral and
8 Maxillofacial Surgery and was named National Committee Man of
9 the Year in 1998; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Thatcher was an avid fisherman and enjoyed
11 annual trips to Canada with his friends and family; he was an
12 avid golfer, known for his hole-in-three, and held long-term
13 memberships with the Short Hills Country Club in East Moline,
14 where he served as president in 1985, and the Stoneybrook
15 Country Club in Sarasota, Florida; he was also a long-standing
16 member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Moline; he was a member of
17 the Moline Rotary Club, serving as president in 1991; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Thatcher was preceded in death by his wife of
19 52 years, Marilyn, and his parents; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Thatcher is survived by his children, Dr.
21 Lonnette (Dr. Tom) Breneman, John Thatcher, and Dr. Craig (Dr.
22 Leanne) Thatcher; his grandchildren, Matthew, Marshall,

1 Joseph, Madison, and Braden; his nephew, Dr. Bart (Kate)
2 Bycroft; his niece, Melanie (Rick) Hopke; and his
3 great-nephews, Dr. Jonathan (Holly) and Alex Bycroft;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Dr. James W. "Jim" Thatcher and extend our sincere condolences
8 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
9 it further

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