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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 "Jim" Picek of Woodridge, who passed away on October 17, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Picek was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; he was raised in a loving home interested in hard work, sports, and academics, especially mathematics and statistical analytics; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Picek became a professor of psychology and taught at three universities, Indiana University, the University of Wisconsin, and DePaul University; he later worked for Caterpillar Inc. at its corporate headquarters in Peoria for 25 years; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Picek retired early and pursued his life's passions, which included philanthropy, the culinary arts, travel, and living a healthy lifestyle; he also discovered he enjoyed running; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Picek will be remembered for his strength, courage, humility, kindness, and love of life; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Picek was preceded in death by his parents,

1 Stanley and Viola Picek, and his nephew, Christopher Kelly;  
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3 WHEREAS, Jim Picek is survived by his wife, Gina  
4 Cunningham; his children, Michael and Rasmey Picek, Katy  
5 Picek, and Sarah and Kurt Fairbank; his grandchildren, Blake,  
6 Annalise, Alexander, Audrey, Sophia, Sylvia, Josephine,  
7 Nathaniel, and Edward; his sister, Mary Ann Kelly, and her  
8 family, Stephanie and Sam Lynn; his niece and nephew-in-law,  
9 Sydney and Drew Criminski; his in-laws, the Brown and Husted  
10 families; many cousins, nieces, and nephews; and his best  
11 friend, Niko; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
14 Dr. James "Jim" Picek and extend our sincere condolences to  
15 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Jim Picek as an expression of our  
19 deepest sympathy.