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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 Harold L. Jensen M.D. of Frankfort, who passed away on May 22, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Jensen was born in Pillager, Minnesota; he served in the United States Army from 1944 to 1948, achieving the rank of second lieutenant; his passion for medicine began one night while a child living at a boarding house, holding a mason jar of leeches to assist a physician making a house call for a patient with high blood pressure; he earned his undergraduate degree in clinical psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Campaign and his medical degree at the University of Illinois at Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Jensen cared for countless south suburban patients since completing his residency in internal medicine at Illinois Central Hospital in 1957; he was a longtime medical staff member at Ingalls Memorial Hospital in Harvey, where he also served as the hospital's vice president of medical affairs, as chair of the Department of Medicine, and as medical staff president; he was the voice of the medical staff of Hazel Crest's South Suburban Hospital, now part of the Advocate system; and

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1 WHEREAS, In 1991, Dr. Jensen was elected ISMIE Mutual
2 Insurance Company's third chairman; he steered the company
3 through difficult market conditions in the 1990s and early
4 2000s, launched the industry-leading Managing Risk program in
5 2004, and fostered ISMIE's current national expansion; he
6 pioneered innovative risk management education to improve
7 patient safety and protect physicians from medical liability;
8 he advocated tirelessly for legal fairness and balance in
9 Illinois' courtrooms; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Jensen was a member and leader of the Illinois
11 State Medical Society; he served as Illinois State Medical
12 Society chairman from 1988 to 1990; prior to that, he was
13 president of the Chicago Medical Society from 1985 from 1986;
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15 WHEREAS, Dr. Jensen was a voracious reader, enjoyed golf,
16 loved animals, and was an expert woodcrafter; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Jensen is survived by his wife, Sandra; his
18 children, Eric Jensen (Elizabeth), Kris Ann Bahl (Ken), and
19 Beth Susan Montblanc (Patrick); six grandchildren; and one
20 great-grandchild; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Harold L. Jensen M.D., and extend our sincere condolences to
2 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Dr. Jensen as an expression of our
6 deepest sympathy.