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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 Merrill W. Huffman M.D. of Urbana, who passed away on January 7, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Huffman was born in Toledo to W. Logan and Delores Huffman on July 29, 1929; he grew up in Central Illinois and graduated from Champaign High School in 1947; he went on to study medicine at the University of Illinois and, after graduating, served as a medical officer in the United States Air Force; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Huffman joined Carle Clinic as its fourth obstetrics and gynecology physician in 1960; he was one of the first Carle physicians to perform laparoscopy procedures and routine fetal monitoring on obstetric patients; he then introduced the routine fetal monitoring technique to local physicians and nurses in 1971; he served on The Carle Foundation Board of Trustees, The Carle Development Foundation Board of Trustees, and the New Heights Campaign Retired Physician Committee; he retired in 1996 after 36 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Shortly after his retirement, Dr. Huffman teamed with the Carle Center for Philanthropy and introduced "Women at

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1 Midlife: The Merrill Huffman Education Series"; in 2008, he
2 received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Carle medical
3 staff; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Huffman had many interests, including
5 spending time with his family, traveling the world, reading
6 good books, spending time outdoors, and photography; he and his
7 wife were strong supporters of University of Illinois sports,
8 the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, the Carle Center
9 for Philanthropy, and other local charities; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Huffman was preceded in death by his parents
11 and his wife of 62 years, Barbara; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Huffman is survived by his children, Cathy
13 Huffman, Michael (Dawn) Huffman, Beth Huffman Voss, David
14 Huffman, and Ann Huffman Rauh; and his 11 grandchildren;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Merrill W. Huffman M.D. and extend our sincere condolences to
19 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Dr. Huffman as an expression of our
2 deepest sympathy.