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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 Herbert Curlee Harris D.D.S., who passed away on March 29, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Harris was born in Tucker, Arkansas to Lillie Maud Tucker Harris and Emanuel Mason Harris on February 4, 1928; he attended Arkansas AM&N College (University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff) and served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Korean War; he continued his studies at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, where he earned a Doctorate of Dental Surgery in 1959; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Harris completed an internship in oral surgery at Harlem Hospital in New York City and received his professional diploma in 1960; he earned a Master of Public Health in 1976 from the University of Illinois at Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Harris operated a successful dental practice in Chicago for over 30 years; he was also the proprietor of the Chatham Avalon Health Center, one of the largest Black-owned medical centers in Chicago; he made real estate investments in Chicago and Freeport, Bahamas; he was the founder and CEO of the former Daniel Hale Williams Health Center and president of the Lincoln Dental Society; he was on the board of trustees and

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1 president of the National Alumni Association for Meharry
2 Medical College; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Harris was a lifetime member of the National
4 NAACP; he was listed in Who's Who in America and received the
5 University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UNPB) Legacy Award in
6 2017; he has received numerous honors and awards over the years
7 for his generous contributions of both time and money to his
8 undergraduate alma mater, UAPB, Meharry Medical College, and to
9 the Chicagoland community at large; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Harris's memberships included the Alpha Phi
11 Alpha Fraternity, the Lambs Club, the Original Forty Club, The
12 National Dental Association, and The American Public Health
13 Association; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Harris was preceded in death by his parents;
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16 WHEREAS, Dr. Harris is survived by his wife of 60 years,
17 Mildred, and numerous nieces, nephews, family members, and
18 friends; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
21 Herbert Curlee Harris D.D.S. and extend our sincere condolences

1 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
2 it further

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