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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. Shobha Deven Parikh of Chicago, who passed away on June 2, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Parikh was born to Kanaiyalal and Kapilaben Shah on November 27, 1944; from an early age, she knew she wanted to help people; she was accepted into a medical school where English was spoken and learned both English and medicine simultaneously; and

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WHEREAS, As an Emergency Room and Family Physician, Dr. Parikh worked for many hospitals around Chicago, including Mt. Sinai Hospital, Mercy Hospital, Ravenswood Hospital, Swedish Covenant Hospital, and Christ Memorial Hospital; she became one of the first female Indian doctors on Devon Avenue when she opened a clinic in 1981; she cared for more than 150,000 patients during her 37-year career and treated the Indian community like they were a part of her family; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Parikh hosted hundreds of spiritual events for the Indian community, was a member of cultural organizations, including Gujarati Samaj and Swadhyay, supported area senior centers, and generously donated to charity; she also worked extra jobs to bring her siblings and parents to America; she

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1 enjoyed drawing and cooking and was a fan of Julia Roberts; her
2 greatest joy was her family, whom she served with love and
3 care; she especially enjoyed spending time with her
4 grandchildren; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Parikh's loved ones have established a
6 not-for-profit organization in Illinois, The Shobha
7 Foundation, to honor her legacy in support of cancer research,
8 women's rights, and education in the United States and abroad;
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10 WHEREAS, Dr. Parikh was preceded in death by her parents;
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12 WHEREAS, Dr. Parikh is survived by her husband of 46 years,
13 Deven Parikh; her children, Parul Cheriyan, Dr. Rupak Parikh,
14 Parag Parikh, and Dr. Roshan Shah; her grandchildren, Riya and
15 Sarina Cheriyan; her mother-in-law, Dhangauriben Parikh; her
16 son-in-law, Thomas Cheriyan; her daughter-in-law, Nancy To;
17 her siblings, Prabodh Shah, Dilip Shah, Dr. Pankaj Shah, and
18 Nikunj Talati; her brother-in-law, Dr. Kiran Talati; her
19 sisters-in-law, Bharati P. Shah, Hemangini Shah, and Jagruti
20 Shah; and her extended family and friends; therefore, be it

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

1 Dr. Shobha Deven Parikh and extend our sincere condolences to
2 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
3 further

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