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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 John C. Mason Jr. M.D. of Danville, who passed away on October 20, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Mason was born in Rossville to John C. Sr. M.D. and Ruth Cole Mason on March 27, 1930; he graduated from Rossville High School and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois; he earned his medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in 1955 and completed his residency at the University of Illinois Medical Center in Chicago; he served in the U.S. Army as a captain in the medical corps and married Donna Jean Fox in 1957; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Mason was an obstetrician and gynecologist for approximately 40 years in Danville, both in private practice and with Carle Clinic; he delivered thousands of babies and treated, counseled, and cared for his patients with an enduring connection; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Mason was an active volunteer and supporter of the Danville Area Community College, Lakeview Hospital (Provena, OSF), the University of Illinois, and the University of Illinois Medical School; and

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1           WHEREAS, Dr. Mason received the Lou Liay Spirit Award from  
2 the U of I Alumni Association for his dedication, spirit, and  
3 pride in support of the university; he and his wife created and  
4 funded scholarships for Danville Area Community College and the  
5 University of Illinois Medical School; he was honored by his  
6 family and the medical school in 2017 with the dedication of a  
7 classroom in his name that also honored his parents; and

8           WHEREAS, Dr. Mason co-led the effort to establish Fetch Dog  
9 Park which opened in 2010; he was very proud of the park and  
10 spent many hours on the grounds with his best friend, Maggie,  
11 and many more hours behind the scenes with others to make sure  
12 the park was successful; and

13           WHEREAS, Dr. Mason was affectionately known as "Poppie",  
14 "Jack", or "Doc"; he and Donna enjoyed travel, both  
15 international and domestic; he loved long driving trips around  
16 the country, visiting presidential libraries and sampling  
17 fried chicken; he enjoyed experiencing American history and had  
18 a particular interest in visiting the significant landmarks of  
19 the Lewis and Clark Trail; he documented many of these trips in  
20 his journals that he loved to send to his sons and  
21 grandchildren; he loved, mentored, and supported his family  
22 with his counsel and humor; he cherished time with family and  
23 friends at cookouts, cocktail hour, and fellowship on the deck;  
24 recently, he and family friend, Barbara McColm, enjoyed

1 spending time together with family and friends in Danville and  
2 Fort Worth, Texas where Barbara lived; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Mason was preceded in death by his wife of 57  
4 years, Donna; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Mason is survived by his sister, Carol; his  
6 sons, John (Jane), Jeff, Mike (Lisa), and Steve (Kathy); and  
7 his grandchildren Anne, John, Stephen, David, William,  
8 Abigail, Madeleine, and Cole; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
11 John C. Mason Jr. M.D. and extend our sincere condolences to  
12 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Dr. Mason as an expression of our  
16 deepest sympathy.