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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Dr.
4 Albert G. Bledig, who passed away on December 24, 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, Originally from Galatia, Dr. Albert Bledig
6 attended the University of Illinois for both undergraduate
7 studies and medical school; he completed an internship at
8 Illinois Central Hospital in Chicago and served as a Captain in
9 the United States Army, in medical services, before entering
10 private practice in Eldorado; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Albert Bledig was certified as a Charter
12 Member of the American Board of Family Medicine in 1971, and he
13 was committed to maintaining that rigorous distinction every
14 seven years throughout his career; he earned many honors for
15 his medical service, including the Physician of Excellence
16 Award from the Illinois Rural Health Association; he was also
17 selected as one of America's Top Family Doctors by the
18 Consumers' Research Council of America; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to delivering health care, Dr. Albert
20 Bledig also served the community in a variety of civic roles;
21 he was a member of the Eldorado School Board and the SIC Board
22 of Trustees; he also served on the Board of Directors for

1 Ferrell Hospital and Fountainview Nursing Home; he was a member
2 of the First Presbyterian Church of Eldorado, where he was a
3 longtime member of the choir; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Albert Bledig was devoted to his profession
5 and his patients, but his greatest joy was spending time with
6 his family; he enjoyed family vacations, trips in their motor
7 home, boating and relaxing at their lake house, and attending
8 his children and grandchildren's functions; he loved baseball
9 and was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Albert Bledig was preceded in death by his
11 parents, Fanno and Rose Bledig; and his brother-in-law, Jim
12 Knight; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Albert Bledig is survived by his wife of 60
14 years, Alice; his children, Sara Griffeth (Bob), Stefan Bledig,
15 and Sallie Ash (Jim); his seven grandchildren; his
16 great-grandchild; his sister, Anna Lee Knight; his
17 brothers-in-law, Franklin Kube (Janet) and John Kube (Diane);
18 and his many nieces and nephews; and

19 WHEREAS, In the era of the "specialization" of medical
20 practice, Dr. Albert Bledig was truly special; while he could
21 have gone the route of many others and headed for the culture
22 and high society of the city, Dr. Bledig remained firm in his

1 desire to stay planted where he was rooted; instead of seeking
2 a career elsewhere, he chose to serve the people of Eldorado,
3 and they returned the favor with undying loyalty and
4 admiration; he was even know to accept calls at his home during
5 a crisis, a precious, almost extinct benefit of small-town
6 living and of knowing a physician like Dr. B; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Albert Bledig was a true home-town doctor,
8 trusted and loved, unpretentious, knowledgeable and skillful,
9 without haughtiness, friendly and warm, who shared in his
10 patient's joys and sorrows as they grew older together; once
11 when Dr. B had been ill, a young boy went with his mother to
12 purchase a get well card for their family doctor; she was in
13 the "Get Well" section, but the boy said, "Shouldn't we be in
14 the 'Friend' section?"; that statement captures perfectly the
15 area's genuine feelings for Dr. B; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 mourn the passing of Dr. Albert G. Bledig and extend our
19 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
20 and loved him; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Dr. Albert Bledig as an expression
23 of our deepest sympathy.