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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 Ernst Chester Bone, M.D. of Jacksonville, who passed away on March 15, 2017 at the age of 102; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Bone was born on a farm near Prairie City to Gratia Hope (Hyde) and Chester David Bone on March 3, 1915; he received his primary and secondary education in the Prairie City School System and graduated from Illinois College in 1936 with a Bachelor of Arts; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Bone taught chemistry and physics at Petersburg Harris High School for two years and then returned to Jacksonville as Director of Admissions at Illinois College; during that time, he earned his Master of Arts in Education from the University of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, In 1942, Dr. Bone enrolled in medical school; he earned his Bachelor of Science in Medicine in 1944 and his master's degree in 1946 from the University of Illinois School of Medicine while serving as a volunteer in the United States Navy V12 Program during World War II; he later served as a Naval physician during the Korean War while stationed in Bermuda; and

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1 WHEREAS, Dr. Bone completed post-graduate training at the
2 Illinois Research and Education Hospital, connected with the
3 University of Illinois; he returned to Jacksonville and
4 established his practice of clinical medicine and surgery on
5 West State Street; in 1955, he co-founded the Bone-Scott Clinic
6 on West State Street where no one was ever turned away and many
7 appreciated receiving house calls; he also served for many
8 years as Medical Director of Barton-Stone Nursing Home; in his
9 spare time, he delivered over 4,500 babies; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Bone retired from clinical practice in 1989
11 but went on to serve over 25 years as a medical consultant for
12 the State of Illinois Bureau of Disability Determination
13 Services; he worked part-time until the age of 100; in
14 addition, he served as medical consultant for the Illinois
15 Department of Public Aid and as Associate Clinical Professor
16 for the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Bone was among a group of family physicians
18 who founded the American Board of Family Practice (ABFP); he
19 served as an officer for the ABFP's national board and
20 represented family medicine on the American Board of Medical
21 Specialties; multiple times he was President of the
22 Morgan-Scott Medical Society, and was a member of the Illinois
23 Medical Society, and the Illinois and American Academy of
24 Physicians; he served as President of the Illinois State

1 Academy of Family Practice and the American Academy of Family
2 Practice; "Good Housekeeping" named him one of the nation's top
3 10 physicians; he received the Illinois State Family
4 Practitioner of the Year Award and was recognized in the
5 National Top Five Family Practitioners of the Year in 1980; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Bone was passionate about education; he served
7 for nine years on the Jacksonville School District 117 Board of
8 Directors and for over 25 years on the MacMurray College Board
9 of Trustees; he served as President of the Illinois College
10 Alumni Association and for 10 years as alumni representative on
11 the Illinois College Board of Trustees; he was awarded an
12 honorary Doctor of Laws degree by Illinois College in 1989 and
13 an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree from MacMurray
14 College in 1990; as team physician, he was elected to the
15 Illinois College and MacMurray College athletic Halls of Fame;
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17 WHEREAS, Dr. Bone had a lifelong interest in farming and
18 was a lifetime member of the American Angus Association; as a
19 young man, he was involved in 4H and in 1968 he was named
20 Illinois State 4H Alumnus of the Year; he received the Paul
21 Harris Fellow Award from Rotary Club and was also named
22 Jacksonville's Citizen of the Year and was inducted into the
23 City of Jacksonville Hall of Fame; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Bone served multiple terms as an elder of
2 State Street Presbyterian and First Presbyterian Churches in
3 Jacksonville, and was a member of The Literary Union men's
4 literary society; he enjoyed the theater and performed for
5 decades in the Passavant Hospital Follies, and several Ken
6 Bradbury productions, including "The Shadow of Giants"; he
7 served as President of the Salvation Army Board of Directors
8 and was Co-Chair of the Prairieland United Way campaign; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Bone was preceded in death by his parents; his
10 sister, Mary Elizabeth Bone; his brothers, Maurice and James;
11 his first wife, Eileen Kitts Bone; his close first cousin
12 Gratia Hall Coultas; and his uncle, the Rev. John Hyde, a
13 highly-regarded missionary known as Praying Hyde of India; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Bone is survived by his wife, Louise K. Bone;
15 his sons, Judge J. David (Patricia) Bone, Stephen Kitts
16 (Patricia) Bone, and Timothy Robert Bone; his step-daughters,
17 Jenny (Scott) Norris Peterson, and Kathryn (Christopher)
18 Norris Kirt; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
22 Ernst Chester Bone, M.D., and extend our sincere condolences to
23 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it

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