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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 Robert Scott Zeiders M.D. of Savoy, who passed away on November 24, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Zeiders was born in Canton, Ohio to Dr. Glenn Wilson and Teresa Scott Zeiders on April 5, 1940; he married Beth Rae Bandy in Champaign on April 13, 1985; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Zeiders graduated from Williams College; he received his medical degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry and completed a four-year internship/residency in internal medicine at Northwestern University; he completed a two-year fellowship at the Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation in La Jolla, California; he served two years on active duty in the United States Air Force as a captain in the medical corps; he was Chief of Internal Medicine, Chief of Professional Services, and Acting Hospital Commander, 328th USAF Hospital, Richards-Gebaur AFB, Kansas City, Missouri; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Zeiders joined Carle in 1973 and enjoyed a 30-year career as a rheumatologist and head of the department; he also served as the chief of medicine; after retirement, he spent four years as the editor of the medical journal, Carle

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1 Selected Papers; and

2 WHEREAS, Carle Foundation Hospital awarded Dr. Zeiders the
3 "most outstanding contribution in medical education" award in
4 1986, followed by the Legacy Award in 2005 for providing
5 exceptional care and compassion for patients, as well as
6 playing a role in the growth and development of the institution
7 for future patients and physicians; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Zeiders served as clinical assistant
9 professor of medicine and head of the section of rheumatology
10 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; he was
11 presented the Golden Apple for excellence in teaching by the
12 Class of 1987; and

13 WHEREAS, The research and publications by Dr. Zeiders
14 helped make methotrexate a mainstay of rheumatic disease
15 treatment and he lectured throughout the United States and
16 Europe; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Zeiders was a member of numerous professional
18 societies, including the Champaign County Medical Society and
19 the American College of Rheumatology; he was a founding fellow
20 of the American Rheumatism Association; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Zeiders enjoyed sharing time with his family

1 and friends, spinning stories, genealogy, gardening,
2 traveling, mentoring young adults, cooking, and boating; after
3 retirement, he volunteered as an educator and ombudsman for
4 bewildered or overwhelmed patients and their families; he was
5 humble and very kind to everyone he met; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Zeiders is survived by his wife, Beth; his
7 children and their families, Bethany and Mitch Lieberman and
8 their three children, Andrew, Noah, and Emma, David and
9 Kathleen Zeiders and their sons, Josh Methven (Kara
10 Hendershot), Jeremiah Methven (Betsy Methven-Dorner) and their
11 son, James, and Jack, and Amy Zeiders and her twins, Taylor and
12 Tyler; and his brother, Glenn (Mary) Zeiders; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 Robert Scott Zeiders M.D., and extend our sincere condolences
16 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Dr. Zeiders as an expression of our
20 deepest sympathy.