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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. Robert F. "Bob" Kennett OD of Bloomington, who passed away on February 3, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Kennett was born in Carroll, Iowa to Emery and Eva Brafford Kennett on September 18, 1938; he was raised on a farm near Lidderdale, Iowa; he graduated from Carroll High School, where he participated in many sports; he attended Simpson College and earned a degree in elementary education; at Simpson, he participated in the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity; he married Dorothy Hodges on July 19, 1959; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Kennett was a fourth grade teacher in Des Moines, Iowa for many years before earning an advanced degree and becoming an optometrist; he moved to Chicago and attended optometry school at the Illinois Institute of Technology; along with going to school, he drove a bus on State Street and worked in the men's department at Marshall Fields during Christmas break; after graduation, he purchased an optometry practice in Bloomington and began his lifelong journey of building a practice, taking care of his patients, raising his family, making friends, and staying involved in the community; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Kennett was involved in the Kiwanis Club of

1 Bloomington, and he served as president, in a district  
2 leadership role, and also enjoyed participating in Camp  
3 Limberlost, the annual pancake breakfasts, and Peanut Days; he  
4 was a member of the Young Men's Club, the McLean County  
5 Optometric Society, where he served as president, the Masonic  
6 Lodge, and the Shrine Club; he was a member of the Second  
7 Presbyterian Church; he was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs and  
8 the Illinois State University Redbirds; he provided optometric  
9 services to many of the ISU sports teams; he looked forward to  
10 attending as many football and basketball games as possible;  
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12 WHEREAS, Bob Kennett was preceded in death by his parents;  
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14 WHEREAS, Bob Kennett is survived by his wife of 60 years,  
15 Dorothy; his sons, Steve (Kendra), Jon (Anne), and Greg; his  
16 grandchildren, Emery, Andrew, Matt, Megan, Freddy, Audrey,  
17 Alex, and Casey; his sister, Marlene (Bud) Baumhover; his  
18 nieces and nephews; his many loving friends; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
21 Dr. Robert F. "Bob" Kennett OD and extend our sincere  
22 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
23 him; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Bob Kennett as an expression of our  
3 deepest sympathy.