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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. Marion S. Panepinto of Springfield, who passed away on May 18, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Panepinto was born in Waco, Texas to Dr. John Joseph and Josephine Cimo Panepinto on May 20, 1938; he graduated cum laude from the University of Notre Dame in 1960; he married Dorothy "Bebe" Driscoll on May 26, 1962; he graduated cum laude from the St. Louis University School of Medicine in 1963, where he was a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society; after completing an internship at St. Louis University Hospitals, he served his country with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War as a battalion surgeon with the First Infantry Division and was awarded the Bronze Star, the Combat Medic Badge, and the Vietnam Service Medal; he received an honorable discharge from the Army and completed his specialty training at the University of Iowa Hospitals in internal medicine and cardiology; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Panepinto joined Springfield Clinic in the early days of development of cardiology and cardiac surgery in Springfield in 1970; he was a co-director of the intensive care unit at Memorial Medical Center; he was a member of the teaching faculty of Southern Illinois University School of

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1 Medicine since its inception and retired as a clinical  
2 professor of medicine; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Panepinto was past president of the Sangamon  
4 County Medical Society and the Sangamon County Heart  
5 Association; he served on the boards of Contact Ministries,  
6 the YMCA, and the Memorial Medical Center Foundation; he was a  
7 member of the Sanibel Current Events Group, the Sanibel  
8 Bicycle Club, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, and  
9 the Porch Think Tank, where he cherished his time spent with  
10 friends enjoying coffee and current events; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Panepinto's years of marriage were filled  
12 with countless family celebrations, travel, and the building  
13 of lifetime memories with the love of his life whom he met in  
14 Europe on a college class trip; he reveled in his role as  
15 father and grandfather, from fishing, golfing, boating, and  
16 biking to partaking in spirited family dinners; he was a  
17 voracious reader and had a fondness for history and World War  
18 II; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Panepinto was compassionate in all facets of  
20 his life; he was a devoted friend and relative to many,  
21 especially in their time of need; he always put his patients  
22 first, regardless of their status; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Panepinto is survived by his wife of 61  
2 years, Dorothy; his daughters, Celeste (Robert) Marsh III, Dr.  
3 Julie Panepinto (Dr. David Brousseau), Michele (Michael)  
4 Mannion, and Ellen (Mark) Meyer; his grandchildren, Robert  
5 Marsh IV, Ethan Marsh, Peter Marsh, Joseph Brousseau, Andrew  
6 Brousseau, Thomas Brousseau, Dr. Matthew Mannion, Ellen  
7 Mannion, Colin Mannion, Aileen Mannion, Katherine Meyer,  
8 Meredith Meyer, and Luke Meyer; his sister, Mary Celeste  
9 Panepinto Greenwell; several nieces and nephews; and his  
10 cousin, Dr. Philip (Diane) Cimo; therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
13 Dr. Marion S. Panepinto and extend our sincere condolences to  
14 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
15 further

16           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Dr. Panepinto as an expression of  
18 our deepest sympathy.