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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of James Edward Jerger of Decatur on June 17, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, James Edward Jerger was born in Washington, Indiana on January 6, 1936, to Carl and Virginia (Rose) Jerger; he grew up in Evansville, Indiana; he attended St. Edwards University in Texas, graduated from Indiana University Dental School, and completed his internship and residency at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Jerger married Rita Harder on August 18, 1962; he valiantly served his country in the U.S. Army; he was a pediatric dentist in Decatur for 38 years; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Jerger was a very patriotic American; he was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Decatur and St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Naples, Florida; he was a dedicated member of Sertoma for more than 30 years; he was past president of South Side Country Club, Decatur Dental Society, and Sertoma; he was a member of the American Pediatric Dental Society, American Orthodontic Society, and numerous other state and national dental societies; and

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WHEREAS, He was a passionate fan of the Indiana Hoosiers and the St. Louis Cardinals and Rams; he was an avid golfer and jogger; his positive attitude in his fight against cancer and his constant sense of humor were amazing and uplifting to his family and friends; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of James Edward Jerger has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Rita; his daughter and her husband, Katrina and Ed Busse, and their children, Ariana and Keenan; his son, Derek Jerger; his son and his wife, Dr. Bret

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1 and Tracey Jerger, and their children, Cailin and Ashton; his
2 son, Darin, and his children, Macy and Jax; his father, Carl
3 Jerger; and his sisters, Harriett Causey and Deb Schneider; and

4 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his mother, Virginia,
5 and his sister, Karen; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 James Edward Jerger, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his
9 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of James Edward Jerger as an expression
13 of our sincere condolences.