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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. John "Rocky" White of Decatur, who passed away on January 18, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. John White served as chairman of the Department of Surgery at St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur and served on the hospital's board of directors; his career at St. Mary's began on July 21, 1990 and included the role as president of the hospital's medical staff from 2006 to 2008; in addition to his position at St. Mary's, he provided trauma surgical care to several area hospitals, including Decatur Memorial, Pana Community Hospital, John Warner Hospital in Clinton, and the Provena Covenant Medical Center in Urbana; he was also the founder of Surgical Specialists of Central Illinois and established offices for the organization in Decatur and Champaign; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. John White was a member of numerous professional medical societies and was elected to consecutive terms as president of the Macon County Medical Society; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. John White took particular interest in his role on the WSOY-AM (1340) radio program "Health Styles" with host Kelly Hazenfield; he never missed a Tuesday evening show

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1 and enjoyed fielding listeners' questions about present and  
2 future medical procedures; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. John White participated in the "Real Men Wear  
4 Pink" campaign to support breast cancer awareness every October  
5 for several years; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. John White was an avid private pilot who  
7 volunteered his airplane and pilot services to Kansas  
8 City-based Angel Flight Central and Air Lifeline Pilots in  
9 Peoria; he was an active member of the Decatur community and  
10 was an avid supporter of Little League baseball; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. John White was preceded in death by his  
12 father, the Honorable John L. White, and his mother, Theresa M.  
13 White, Ph.D.; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. John White is survived by his wife, Leslie  
15 (nee Fenner); his son, John "Jack" White; his sister, Joyce  
16 (Smith); his brother, Joseph (Christine); his brothers-in-law,  
17 Earl (Faith), Ray (Barbara), and Brian; and his many nieces and  
18 nephews; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. John White will be remembered by all who knew  
20 and loved him as a wonderful and dedicated doctor who devoted  
21 great time and energy toward helping others; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
3 his family and friends, the passing of Dr. John "Rocky" White;  
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5           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of Dr. John White as an expression of  
7 our sympathy.