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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 E. Halasz, who passed away on April 19, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, John Halasz was born on May 14, 1920, in Budapest, Hungary; he was a resident of Burr Ridge; and

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WHEREAS, John Halasz served as a medical officer for the United Nations International Refugee Organization in Salzburg, Austria, until 1951, when he came to the United States to begin his training at the University of Illinois Department of Psychiatry; he went on to complete a fellowship at the Institute for Juvenile Research and remained at the university and institute for 43 years, serving on the faculty of the college of medicine's psychiatry department and as director of training, clinical director, associate professor of clinical psychiatry in the child psychiatry division, and academic director of psychiatry at MacNeal Memorial Hospital when the hospital was associated with the university; and

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WHEREAS, John Halasz served as a consultant or administrator of mental health clinics in La Grange, Olympia Fields, and DuPage County and consulted with schools and in family therapy; for many years, he was the only child

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1 psychiatrist on the executive committee of the Illinois  
2 Department of Mental Health and Development Disability; and

3 WHEREAS, John Halasz was a fellow of the American  
4 Orthopsychiatric Association; he was a life member of the  
5 American Psychiatric Association and the American Academy of  
6 Child and Adolescent Psychiatry; he was a past president of the  
7 Illinois Council of the AACAP; and

8 WHEREAS, John Halasz was recently honored by the APA for  
9 his 50 years of service to the field of psychiatry; and

10 WHEREAS, John Halasz enjoyed spending time with his family,  
11 trains, world travel, and photography; and

12 WHEREAS, John Halasz was preceded in death by his first  
13 wife, Anna, nee Wolfjer, and his brother, Zoltan (the late Ila)  
14 Halasz; and

15 WHEREAS, John Halasz is survived by his wife, Marilyn, nee  
16 Macku; his children, Alexandra (Paul Reed), Frank (Maureen  
17 Callanan), Annette (Thomas Gaboriault), and John C. "Neal"; his  
18 grandchildren, Reuben Turley, Cricket (Ian) Bernardini,  
19 Caitlin and Kevin Halasz, and Lianna Reed; his  
20 great-grandchildren, Cooper and Sawyer Bernardini; and his  
21 sister-in-law, Ila; 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 E. Halasz; and  
4 be it further

5           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of John Halasz as an expression of our  
7 sympathy.