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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to  
3 learn of the death of Dr. James "Jim" O'Donnell of Woodstock;  
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WHEREAS, James O'Donnell was born on May 29, 1939, in  
6 Monroe, Wisconsin; and

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WHEREAS, James O'Donnell was a graduate of the 1957 class  
8 at Joliet Township High School in Joliet; during high school,  
9 he was an award-winning concert and marching band member who  
10 proficiently played both clarinet and saxophone; he started  
11 singing very young and became a boy soprano; he was also an  
12 avid tennis player in junior and senior high and received a  
13 tennis scholarship to college; he was ranked 8th in the Midwest  
14 for boys' tennis; and

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WHEREAS, James O'Donnell served his country with pride as a  
16 member of the United States Navy for 4 years and the Naval  
17 Reserves for 6 years; during his time in the service, he served  
18 as a dentist at Moffett Field in Mountain View, California and  
19 attained the rank of lieutenant commander; and

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WHEREAS, James O'Donnell graduated from dental school at  
21 Loyola University in Chicago in 1964; he subsequently practiced

1 dentistry for over 40 years; in the 1990s, he and his wife  
2 bought a lake home in Wisconsin, where he continued to practice  
3 dentistry as an associate until his retirement; and

4 WHEREAS, James O'Donnell enjoyed spending time with his  
5 family and friends, traveling, good food, sports, and debating  
6 about current events, politics, and life in general; and

7 WHEREAS, James O'Donnell was preceded in death by his  
8 parents, Francis and Irene O'Donnell; and

9 WHEREAS, James O'Donnell is survived by his wife of 51  
10 years, Linda Peters O'Donnell; his daughter, Deborah O'Donnell  
11 Willyard; his son, James M. O'Donnell Jr.; his granddaughters,  
12 Heather and Jennifer Willyard; his grandson, Andrew O'Donnell;  
13 his great-granddaughter, Malia Lynn Willyard; his sister,  
14 Judith O'Donnell Schulze; his brother, Jon O'Donnell; and his  
15 many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
18 his family and friends, the passing of Dr. James "Jim"  
19 O'Donnell; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of James O'Donnell as an expression of

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1 our sympathy.