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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Dr.
4 Thomas A. Lawless, who passed away on June 21, 2016; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Lawless was born in Dixon to Thomas Lawless
6 and Phyllis Wells on July 1, 1947; he had two siblings,
7 Patricia and Joe; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Lawless married Barbara Wojtowycz on August
9 31, 1968; they had three children and nine grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Lawless graduated from Dixon High School in
11 1965; he continued his education at Northern Illinois
12 University, studying pre-optometry; upon completion of his
13 undergraduate degree, he enrolled in medical school at the
14 Illinois College of Optometry, where he graduated cum laude
15 with a degree in optometry in 1971; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Lawless opened his own practice in his
17 hometown of Dixon in 1973, and worked there until 2010; he
18 specialized in primary care optometry for 37 years until his
19 business was sold and merged with KSB Hospital, where he worked
20 for six years; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Lawless was a proud and meaningful servant to
2 his community; his involvement included Rehab for Dignity, the
3 Lee County Council on Aging, the Society of St. Vincent DePaul,
4 the St. Patrick's Parish Council, and the St. Mary's School
5 Board; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Lawless was loved dearly by his family and
7 friends, highly respected by his colleagues and a dedicated
8 community servant who will be greatly missed by all those who
9 knew him; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 mourn the passing of Dr. Thomas A. Lawless, and extend our
13 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
14 and loved him; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Dr. Lawless as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.