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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. Thompson T. Wright Sr., who passed away on September 27, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Wright Sr. was born in Middleton, Prince Edward Island (PEI), Canada on July 5, 1919; he graduated from Wales College, Charlottetown, PEI in 1939 and became the principal of a two-room country schoolhouse on the island; in 1939, he joined the Canadian Army and was mobilized to England during World War II; he served as an artillery surveyor and gunnery officer in Europe from January 1940 to January 1946; he graduated from the British Royal Artillery Officers Training in 1943 and was discharged with the rank of Captain in 1946; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Wright Sr. attended the University of British Columbia from 1946 to 1947; he graduated from Ontario Veterinary College, University of Toronto in 1952; he was an intern with Misener Animal Hospital in Chicago, and then in 1954, he purchased property on River Road in Des Plaines, which would become the Wright Animal Hospital, which he owned and operated until his retirement in October 1981; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Wright Sr. was elected President of the Des Plaines Kiwanis Club in 1959; he was elected Des Plaines Park

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1 District Commissioner in 1976, serving for a total of 26 years;  
2 he was a life member of the Des Plaines Elks Club; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Wright Sr. served as President of the Illinois  
4 Academy of Veterinary Medicine in 1974, as Executive Director  
5 of the Illinois Academy of Veterinary Medicine from 1975 to  
6 1976, and on the board of directors for the Chicago Veterinary  
7 Medical Association from 1958 to 1963 and from 1976 to 1980,  
8 serving as President in 1980; he also served on the board of  
9 directors for Community Chest from 1956 to 1958 and on the  
10 board of directors for the Boy Scouts of America from 1955 to  
11 1958; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Wright Sr. was preceded in death by his first  
13 wife, Shirley Trowbridge; his second wife, Janet Howell; his  
14 brothers, Arthur and Eldon Wright; and his son, William Wright;  
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16 WHEREAS, Dr. Wright Sr. is survived by nine children; 17  
17 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Marian  
18 MacDonald; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
21 Dr. Thompson T. Wright Sr., and extend our sincere condolences  
22 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be

1 it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the family of Dr. Wright Sr. as an expression of  
4 our deepest sympathy.