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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express their sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Michael Edward Sestak, who passed away on June 5, 2002; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Sestak was a 1953 graduate of Western Illinois University with an M.S. Degree and was also a graduate of the University of Illinois where he received his Ed.D. in Educational Administration; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Sestak's career roles as an educator included teacher, coach, principal, college professor, assistant superintendent of business affairs, and superintendent; he was employed at Greenfield Junior High School in Greenfield, Oak Park Elementary School, Waldo Junior High School, School Service Center District 131, Aurora, University of Kentucky, Aurora University, and Mooseheart-The Child City, Mooseheart; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Sestak was a very active member of various organizations, having been a member of the Greater Aurora Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Aurora Planning Commission, Aurora Water Advisory Board, Aurora Civil Service Commission, and a former member of Annunciation Church in Aurora; he was a member of Holy Cross Church in Batavia, a bank board member and chairman of the Harris Bank Aurora, the Marywood Garden Club, the R.A.M.S. and the development board at Aurora Central Catholic High School; he was also involved with many clubs, including the Knights of Columbus, American Legion Post #84, the Loyal Order of Moose #400, the Lucky Fifty Club, and the Serra Club of Aurora, where he was President from 1995 to 1996; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Sestak has had many accomplishments throughout his life, including being awarded the Citizen of

1 the Year Award in 1977 presented by the Aurora Lions Club; he
2 was also a published author of a book titled "A Priest for
3 all Reasons" a book written about his late brother who was a
4 priest; and

5 WHEREAS, When Dr. Sestak was not busy serving his
6 community, he was an active outdoorsman, enjoyed gardening
7 and loved to spend time with his grandchildren; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Michael Sestak is survived by his wife, Mary
9 Ann; his five children, Michelle Marie (husband, Alan) Lage,
10 Dr. David Anthony (wife, Kimberly) Sestak, Dr. Teresa Louise
11 (husband, Dr. Mark) Bettag, Paul Jerome (wife, Lisa) Sestak,
12 and Michael Joseph (wife, Stephanie) Sestak; his 14
13 grandchildren; and his sister, Helen (husband, Albert) Nardi;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
17 all who knew him, the death of Dr. Michael Edward Sestak of
18 Batavia, Illinois; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Dr. Michael Edward Sestak with our
21 sincere condolences.