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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 William Gail "Bill" Troyer Jr. M.D. of Oak Park, who passed away on June 20, 2023 at the age of 89; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Troyer was born to William Sr. and Jane Troyer in South Bend, Indiana on January 16, 1934; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Troyer received a bachelor's degree in economics from Williams College in 1956, where he wrote for the school's newspaper and was an active member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Troyer received a medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh Medical School; during this time, he married Loretta Edwards, a nursing student from a nearby college, in 1959; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Troyer began his career with fellowships at Duke University and the University of Oklahoma, where he conducted impactful research on beta blockers that has benefited millions of people since the 1960s; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Troyer served in the U.S. Army during the

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1 Vietnam War, conducting medical research in Washington D.C.;
2 after his service, he accepted a job at the University of
3 Wisconsin Medical School; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Troyer and his family settled in Oak Park in
5 1974, where he worked as an administrator and clinical
6 professor at the University of Illinois Chicago; he rose to
7 the position of chief of staff for a decade before retiring in
8 the late 1990s; his compassionate nature led him to check in
9 with his patients even through his administrative work and
10 retirement; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Troyer valued community service and was an
12 active member of various organizations, including the Illinois
13 State Medical Society, the Economic Club of Chicago, Oak Park
14 Township, and the West Suburban Hospital College of Nursing;
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16 WHEREAS, Dr. Troyer was also interested in non-scientific
17 research, specifically about his favorite military and
18 political hero, General Dwight D. Eisenhower; after logging
19 many hours in the Eisenhower Presidential Library, he
20 discovered new details of the president's life that were
21 previously unknown to historians; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Troyer was preceded in death by his wife and

1 his sister, Portia Kelley; and

2 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Dr. Troyer was
3 survived by his sons, William Troyer III and Stephen Troyer;
4 his daughter, Judy (Richard) Deogracias; his grandchildren,
5 Wade Troyer, Amelia (William O'Leary) Troyer, George Troyer,
6 Raymond Deogracias, and Lourdes Deogracias; and his
7 great-granddaughter, Seraphina Loretta O'Leary; therefore, be
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9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 William Gail "Bill" Troyer Jr. M.D. and extend our sincere
12 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
13 him; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Dr. Troyer as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.