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DR. PETER S. SAKAS, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Dr. Peter S. Sakas, DVM, from our midst on March 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Peter Sakas was the beloved husband of Karen M. and the loving father of Dr. Courtney and Christopher; and

WHEREAS, Peter Sakas was the beloved son of the late Steven and Georgia Sakas; and

WHEREAS, Peter Sakas was the dear brother of Connie (Dennis) Markoutsas, Bill (Jacqueline) Sakas, and Jim (Sarah) Sakas; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Peter was the proud owner of the Niles Animal Hospital and Bird Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Peter S. Sakas received his BA degree in biology from Northwestern University in 1974 and his MS degree in Zoology-Entomology from Auburn in 1979; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 1979 Peter continued on the path to his dream when he began his program at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine; he received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sakas became a staff veterinarian at Niles Animal Hospital upon graduation in 1983 and bought the practice in 1985 and has owned it since that time; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sakas has lectured at University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine for over 23 years and has lectured at many other prestigious veterinary colleges throughout the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sakas has lectured at national and regional veterinary conferences, including the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), the Student Chapter of AVMA Convention, the American Animal Hospital Association, the Missouri State Veterinary Association, the Wisconsin State Veterinary Association, the Minnesota State Veterinary Association, and others; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sakas regularly lectured to bird clubs and aviculture conventions locally, throughout the Midwest, and nationally. He also lectured at the International Wildlife Rehabilitator Association Meetings and conducted wet labs (hands on experience for attendees); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sakas played a major role in the Barrington-based Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sakas was known for his dedication to education and has been actively involved with local high schools, allowing students job shadowing him; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sakas has written numerous articles as well as the book, Essentials of Avian Medicine and has contributed to other avian books as well. He was on the editorial board for

Veterinary Forum Magazine and was a contributor for Pet Veterinarian Magazine. He also is a regular columnist for a local newspaper, covering a wide range of pet-related topics and was a regular guest on a nationally broadcast radio show; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sakas served on the boards of several veterinary organizations and held directorships for humane and wildlife associations. He was on the advisory board for Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity at Northwestern University and was the editor of the alumni newsletter.

WHEREAS, somehow Dr. Sakas always found time to give to the community in various activities, including serving as a Little League Manager for several years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sakas made a significant impact on his profession and his patients and was known as a real-life Dr. Doolittle throughout the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Dr. Peter Sakas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Dr. Sakas so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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