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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 Eugene "Gene" C. Crivello, who passed away on June 4, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Crivello was born on June 17, 1919 in Alton; his parents were Michael A. and Mary Crivello; he first married Dolores Smith and later married Josephine DeBacco; they both preceded him in death; he married Virginia Ryrie on November 25, 2000; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Crivello was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Army Air Corps and attained the rank of Master Sergeant; 3 years of his service were spent at the Prisque Isle Air Base in Maine and a year and a half was spent in Keflavik, Iceland; he served as a supply sergeant, provost sergeant, and Chief of the Base fire and crash department; he was also attached to the Air and Sea Rescue Division; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Crivello was always proud of the fact that he was the first senior citizen to serve as a page in the Illinois General Assembly; he was also proud to have taken the Foster Grandparents to several counties during his work for the Economic Opportunity Commission; and

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1 WHEREAS, Eugene Crivello worked for Wohl Shoe Company in
2 the early 1940s and again after being discharged in 1945; in
3 1957, he was hired by the Central Hardware Company, where he
4 rose to the rank of Personnel Director and eventually became
5 manager of the Alton store in 1968; he was later hired by Ruth
6 Wilderman to serve as her assistant, running the Alton branch
7 of the American Cancer Society as director of 6 counties; when
8 the ACS closed their office on Henry Street several years
9 later, he became the Director of the American Lung Association,
10 serving in that position until his retirement in 1984; and

11 WHEREAS, Following his retirement, Eugene Crivello
12 immediately went to work as a volunteer at Saint Anthony's
13 Health Center at the request of Bill Kessler and accumulated
14 nearly 3,000 hours of volunteer service; he also served as
15 President of the Alton Godfrey Rotary Club and as a Paul Harris
16 Fellow; and

17 WHEREAS, Eugene Crivello was preceded in death by his
18 parents; his first wife, Dolores; his second wife, Josephine; 7
19 brothers, Anthony, Gasper, Willie, Joseph (Dutz), Leo (Pip),
20 Francis, and George; 4 sisters, Virginia, Lucia, Mona, and
21 Josie; 2 sons-in-law, Jim Allison and Gary Wright; and a
22 stepson, Nathan Adkins; and

1 WHEREAS, Eugene Crivello is survived by his wife, Virginia;
2 3 daughters, Pamela Allison, Becky Adkins (Rocky), and Gina
3 Peipert (Tim); a son, Denis Crivello; 4 grandchildren, Ann
4 Marie Johnson (Brad), Andrew Wright (Kim), Jamie Freleng
5 (Nick), and Adam Peipert (Alyson); 4 great-grandchildren,
6 Olivia and Mason Johnson and Max and Hattie Jean Wright; a
7 step-grandson, Taylor Adkins; 3 step-children, Ed Ryrrie
8 (Nancy), Sarah Davis (Jim), and Janet Biermann (Steve); 9
9 step-grandchildren; and 6 step great-grandchildren; therefore,
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
13 family and friends, mourn the passing of Eugene "Gene" C.
14 Crivello; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Eugene Crivello as an expression of
17 our sympathy.