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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 Louis Turilli of East Moline, who passed away on August 26, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Louis Turilli was born on July 3, 1915 in Chicago; his parents were Baccio and Eugenia Turilli; he married Osvalda "Ozzi" Carmignani on April 28, 1946 in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, During the years preceding World War II, Louis Turilli was employed by the Metropolitan State Bank in Chicago for seven years; he was inducted into the United States Army in September of 1942; after completing basic training, he was selected to attend Officers Candidate School at Field Artillery School in Fort Sill, Oklahoma; after graduating from Officers Candidate School, he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Field Artillery and assigned to the 27th Division in the Hawaiian Islands; on June 1, 1944, the division left the Hawaiian Islands and joined a large convoy for the attack on the island of Saipan, where he served as an Artillery Forward Observer on Saipan and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal; he spent the winter of 1944-1945 on the New Hebrides Islands to regroup and prepare for the next mission on Okinawa; on Okinawa, he was the Battery Executive Officer in charge of the battery's 105mm howitzers; after the end of the war, he was

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1 promoted to Battery Commander of "A" Battery and flown into
2 Japan with elements of the 27th Division to ensure the safety
3 of the formal Army of Occupation that had already landed in
4 Japan; he left Japan on December 1, 1945 and arrived home in
5 Chicago on December 27; he received his honorable discharge
6 from the Army on March 31, 1946; and

7 WHEREAS, After the war, Louis Turilli owned and operated
8 the family restaurant in Chicago for seven years; in February
9 of 1952, he entered the civil service as a civilian employee of
10 the United States Department of the Army, where he worked for
11 the Chicago Ordinance District, the Army Procurement and Supply
12 Agency in Joliet, AMCCOM, and the Rock Island Arsenal until he
13 retired in September of 1976 as a Contracting Officer; he went
14 on to work as a self-employed Marketing Consultant to private
15 Department of Defense contractors until his retirement in
16 September of 1995; and

17 WHEREAS, Louis Turilli was a member of Christ the King
18 Catholic Church in Moline, the Rock Island Arsenal Historical
19 Society, AARP, the 27th Infantry Association, the National
20 Association of Retired Federal Employees, the World War II
21 Memorial Society, the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation,
22 the National Museum of the U.S. Army, and the American Legion;
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1 WHEREAS, Louis Turilli was an avid Chicago White Sox fan
2 and enjoyed following all sports with his sons; and

3 WHEREAS, Louis Turilli was preceded in death by his wife,
4 Osvalda; his parents; his brothers, Dewey and William; and his
5 sisters, Lillian Fundahn and Lyda Deacetis; and

6 WHEREAS, Louis Turilli is survived by his sons, Louis
7 (Carole Bryan) Turilli, Larry (Laurie) Turilli, and James
8 (Rodger Van Hyfte) Turilli; his grandchildren, Jaime (Randall)
9 Turilli Bill, Stacey (Jeffery) Runde, Matthew Turilli,
10 Victoria Bryan O'Neal, John (Katie) Bryan, and James
11 (Stephanie) Bryan; and his great-grandchildren, Holden and
12 Hadley Bill, Weston Runde, Katherine and Elliot O'Neal, Jackson
13 Bryan, Phoebe Bryan, and Louie's Angel; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
16 family and friends, mourn the passing of Louis Turilli; and be
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Louis Turilli as an expression of
20 our sympathy.