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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 Albert L. Dussliere of East Moline, who passed away on October 13, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Al Dussliere was born in Moline to Alois and Martha Callewaert Dussliere on July 21, 1924; he married Lorene Seitz, his high school sweetheart, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in East Moline on September 18, 1946; and

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WHEREAS, Al Dussliere was a staff sergeant in the United States Army Air Corp during World War II; he flew in the waist and tail gunner positions in a B-17 flying fortress and accumulated 35 missions over enemy territories; on his 13th mission, his plane was involved in a midair collision over Bonn, Germany, which forced a belly landing in Luxembourg; on the 14th mission, his plane was hit by sustained flak for over 14 minutes, knocking out engines two and four, which caused an emergency landing in Ghent, Belgium; and

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WHEREAS, Al Dussliere worked in his father's grocery store after he returned from the war; during that time, he was elected as an East Moline Council Member; he served four years and was elected mayor; he was then appointed Postmaster of East Moline and eventually promoted to Director of Customer Services

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1 at Rock Island Post Office, where he oversaw 102 offices in  
2 Iowa and Illinois; he retired from the Post Office in 1984; and

3 WHEREAS, Al Dusliere was the former commander of the East  
4 Moline Silvis American Veterans, the president of the East  
5 Moline Silvis Kiwanis Club, a member of the Illini Hospital  
6 Board, a founding member of the Blackhawk Chapter of the  
7 Epilepsy Foundation, the president of the 303rd Bomb Group  
8 Association, a Eucharistic Minister at St. Anne Parish, the  
9 Short Hills Country Club Man of the Year, and a member of the  
10 Chamber of Commerce; and

11 WHEREAS, Al Dusliere was preceded in death by his  
12 grandson, John Smithson; and his brothers, Alois Jr. and  
13 Donald; and

14 WHEREAS, Al Dusliere is survived by his wife, Lorene; his  
15 children, Theresa (Dr. Daniel) Voltz, Philip (Helen)  
16 Dusliere, and Steve (Kayla) Dusliere; his grandchildren,  
17 Andrew and Conrad Voltz, Heidi (Mitch) Forney, Talisa Dusliere  
18 (Josh) Corcoran, and Justin Oden; his great-granddaughter,  
19 Elizabeth Forney; and his brother, Lorney (Hattie) Dusliere;  
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Albert L. Dussliere and extend our sincere condolences to his  
2 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
3 further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of Al Dussliere as an expression of our  
6 deepest sympathy.