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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 Augustine Joseph "Steno" Circello of Rock Island, who passed away on April 10, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Augustine Circello was born in Rock Island to Charlie "Peanut" and Lucy (Polito) Circello on June 6, 1925; he graduated from Saint Joseph's High School; he served in the U.S. Army during World War II with the 63rd Infantry Division and then the 83rd Combat Infantry Division; he was part of the initial D-Day invasion of Omaha Beach in Normandy, France; he was also involved in the campaigns in Northern France, the Ardennes, and the Rhineland, which included the Battle of the Bulge; his company received a Presidential Citation for the capture of 20,000 Germans in Southern France; he earned the Purple Heart Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and received an honorable discharge; he married Alice Johnson in 1945; he later married Lucille Grace in 1963; and

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WHEREAS, Augustine Circello's was with Hardee's Restaurants since 1972 and was president of the 53rd Street Hardee's restaurant; he was also president of the Tall Corn Corporation in Davenport, Iowa; and

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WHEREAS, In 2014, Augustine Circello participated in the

1 28th Honor Flight of the Quad Cities and flew to Washington,  
2 D.C. to visit the WWII Memorial; and

3 WHEREAS, Augustine Circello was preceded in death by his  
4 wife, Lucille (Grace) Circello; his son, David Circello; his  
5 brother, Frank Circello; and his sisters, Rosalie Posateri and  
6 Frances Perry; and

7 WHEREAS, Augustine Circello is survived by his son, Steve  
8 (Nancy) Circello; his brother, Joseph (Bobbe) Circello; his  
9 sister, Antoinette Francesckina; seven grandchildren; 11  
10 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and his  
11 special friends, Gary and Linda Olson; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
14 Augustine Joseph "Steno" Circello and extend our sincere  
15 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
16 him; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Augustine Circello as an expression  
19 of our deepest sympathy.