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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 George A. Collias, who passed away on June 13, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, George Collias served as a United States Army paratrooper toward the end of World War II and was active duty in the Army Reserve for 28 years; he graduated from Northwestern University and the Loyola University School of Law; and

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WHEREAS, George Collias had a five-year career as a lawyer at Baker McKenzie; he then launched a broadcasting company, Century Broadcasting; in 1964, he and a college friend bought their first FM radio station in St. Louis, Missouri; over the next 34 years, Century Broadcasting, a Chicago-based company headquartered in the John Hancock building, grew across the country, playing rock, jazz, and easy listening over the air waves in Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver, Boston, Dallas, Detroit, St. Louis, and Tampa; he sold the company's final hometown station, WPNT-FM, in 1996; and

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WHEREAS, George Collias was a leader at the Hellenic Foundation and an active member of Leadership 100, an endowment fund for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese that supports the

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1 ministries of the church; he loved to sail, travel, and spend  
2 time with his family; and

3 WHEREAS, George Collias was preceded in death by his son,  
4 Scott Dell, and his sisters, Eugenia Collias and Danae  
5 Kornaros; and

6 WHEREAS, George Collias is survived by his wife, Sharon  
7 Ann; his children, Chip (Cindy) Dell, Deborah (Scott) Dell, and  
8 Linda (Kurt) Berlin; his brother, Nick (Jane); his  
9 grandchildren, Jason, Ashley, and Rudy (Tricia) Dell and Eva,  
10 Oliver, and Abel Chamberlin; and several nieces and nephews;  
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
14 George A. Collias, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
15 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
16 further

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