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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, During World War II's Battle of the Bulge, American forces at Hosingen, Luxembourg made a heroic stand against overwhelming odds, which bought critical time for Allied troops and stalled Hitler's efforts to break the Allied advance; Enoch "Nick" Scull Jr. of Sandwich was one of 300 soldiers who fought in Hosingen; and

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WHEREAS, Nick Scull was born on a farm outside of Plano in August 1924; he served in the U.S. Army as a combat engineer with the 103rd Combat Engineer Battalion of the 28th Infantry Division during World War II; during his service, he fought in many battles in Northern Europe, most notably D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge; and

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WHEREAS, Alongside his fellow soldiers, Nick Scull held back numerically superior enemy troops against overwhelming odds for two and a half days at Hosingen until the detachment's ammunition was exhausted; and

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WHEREAS, Nick Scull, in addition to setting defensive land mines and neutralizing enemy mines, commanded a machine gun nest during the crucial days in Hosingen; and

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WHEREAS, After exhausting their food, water, and

1 ammunition, Nick Scull and the rest of the American forces in  
2 Hosingen were ordered to surrender and were captured by the  
3 Germans; and

4 WHEREAS, After his capture, Nick Scull was confined to  
5 three German prisoner of war camps, where he lost 55 pounds and  
6 suffered from frostbite; and

7 WHEREAS, Nick Scull has received several honors for his  
8 bravery and service, including two Purple Hearts for injuries  
9 received; he was granted the rank of a Knight of the Legion of  
10 Honor by the French government in 2019 in recognition of the  
11 sacrifices he made and valor he displayed in liberating France  
12 from the horrors of National Socialism; and

13 WHEREAS, Nick Scull will be awarded the Order of Merit  
14 Medal of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for his defense of  
15 Luxembourg at Hosingen during the Battle of the Bulge, and the  
16 award ceremony will take place at the Quincy Veterans' Home on  
17 June 12, 2022; and

18 WHEREAS, The people of Illinois desire to join the people  
19 of Luxembourg in honoring and thanking Nick Scull for his  
20 valor and courage in risking his life to confront the menace of  
21 National Socialism; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare August 12,  
3 2021 as The Heroes of Hosingen Day in the State of Illinois and  
4 request the day be celebrated with appropriate events and  
5 activities; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to Enoch "Nick" Scull Jr. as an expression of our  
8 esteem and respect.