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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 Enoch "Nick" Scull Jr., who passed away on July 19, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Nick Scull was born to Enoch and Vera (Johns) Scull Sr. on a farm outside Plano on August 12, 1924; he graduated from Plano High School; he was a longtime resident of the Plano/Sandwich area; and

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WHEREAS, Nick Scull served as a tech sergeant with the 103rd Combat Engineer Battalion, 28th Infantry Division, in the U.S. Army during World War II; during his service, he fought in several major battles in northern Europe, including Normandy, northern France, the Ardennes, and Rhineland, most notably D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge; and

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WHEREAS, Nick Scull was one of the "Heroes of Hosingen", one of 300 soldiers who helped defend the village of Hosingen, Luxembourg, holding back numerically superior enemy troops against overwhelming odds for two and a half days; their efforts helped delay the German Army siege of Bastogne; after exhausting their food, water, and ammunition, he and the rest of the American forces in Hosingen were ordered to surrender and were captured by the Germans in December 1944; he then

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1 spent four months in German prisoner of war camps before being  
2 liberated by General Patton's Army on March 30, 1945; and

3 WHEREAS, After his military service, Nick Scull played  
4 baseball for the minor league team, the Tampa Bay Smokers, for  
5 a year; he attended barber college through the G.I. Bill and  
6 then opened up Nick's Barber Shop in Plano in 1947; he was  
7 later a foreman for Federal Huber and a partner of Plano Metal  
8 Specialties Inc.; and

9 WHEREAS, Nick Scull was a decorated veteran, receiving two  
10 Purple Hearts, an American Theater Ribbon, an  
11 European/American Theater Ribbon with four Bronze Battle  
12 Stars, the Victory Medal, the Good Conduct Medal with two  
13 Overseas Service Bars, a POW Medal, and a Unit Citation for  
14 Bravery; he was awarded Knight of the French Legion of Honor,  
15 the highest award given by the French government, on October  
16 24, 2019; he was presented the Order of Merit of the Grand  
17 Duchy of Luxembourg for his bravery during the Battle of the  
18 Bulge from the Ambassador of Luxembourg in June 2021; and

19 WHEREAS, Nick Scull was honored for his military service  
20 at a Chicago Cubs game on July 17, 2019; he also received the  
21 honor of having Governor Pritzker proclaim June 11, 2021 as  
22 the "Nick Scull Day of Recognition" in the State of Illinois;  
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1           WHEREAS, Nick Scull was a member of Cedardell Golf Club  
2 and a 74-year member of the Plano American Legion Post; and

3           WHEREAS, Nick Scull was preceded in death by his parents;  
4 his sisters, Susan (Walter) Sherman, Kay (Myles) Inman, Elsie  
5 Scull, and Vera (George) Eleff; his son, Paul Scull Sr.; and  
6 his son-in-law, Tom Hartzfeld; and

7           WHEREAS, Nick Scull is survived by his wife of 60 years,  
8 Patricia (Henry) Scull; his children, Jeff Scull, Wendy (the  
9 late Tom) Hartzfeld, Scott (Vicki) Scull, and Steve (Ellie)  
10 Scull; his grandchildren, Nikki (Marcos) Gonzales, Tracee  
11 (Scott) Leitner, Summer (Josh) Beyer, Brandi Hartzfeld, Mindy  
12 (Tim) Hilliard, Kaelyn Scull, Kurt (Jeanice) Muth, Chris  
13 (Allysia) Muth, Paul (Heather) Scull, Jeremy (Diana) Scull,  
14 Joey Scull, Josh (Brandy) Scull, Jon (Whitney) Scull, and  
15 Ashleigh (Tom) Russell; his 27 great-grandchildren; and his  
16 many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
19 Enoch "Nick" Scull Jr. and extend our sincere condolences to  
20 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
21 further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Nick Scull as an expression of our  
3 deepest sympathy.