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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to  
3 learn of the death of Matthew D. Melucci of Collinsville, who  
4 passed away on May 10, 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, Matthew Melucci was born on January 23, 1944, in  
6 Belleville, New Jersey; and

7 WHEREAS, Matthew Melucci earned his bachelor's degree from  
8 Rutgers University in 1966 and his master's degree from St.  
9 Louis University in 1974; and

10 WHEREAS, Matthew Melucci had a long career in public  
11 service which began during his service as a lieutenant in the  
12 U.S. Army Military Police Corps, where he was assigned to the  
13 Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe; he served as Madison  
14 County's first director of administration under the late Nelson  
15 Hagnauer from 1975 to 1979; he also served as first chief of  
16 staff to U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello and was named  
17 executive director of the East-West Gateway Council of  
18 Governments in 1979; and

19 WHEREAS, Matthew Melucci was a 5-term clerk of the Third  
20 Judicial Circuit Court; he was first elected to the position in  
21 1992 and was subsequently re-elected in 1996, 2000, 2004, and

1 2008; and

2 WHEREAS, Matthew Melucci served as the chairman of the  
3 Madison County Democratic Party; in 2007, he was elected to  
4 serve as the Madison County Democratic Party Chairman and was  
5 recently re-elected to that post; he was also a member of the  
6 Democratic National Committee; and

7 WHEREAS, Matthew Melucci was a St. Louis Fellow in the  
8 Program for Senior Executives of State and Local Government at  
9 the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University  
10 and was in the 1977 to 1978 class of the Danforth Foundation's  
11 St. Louis Leadership Program; and

12 WHEREAS, Matthew Melucci was a member of S.S. Peter & Paul  
13 Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, and the American  
14 Legion Post 365; he was also a past president of the  
15 Collinsville Lions Club and the Italian American Club of  
16 Southwestern Illinois; and

17 WHEREAS, Matthew Melucci was preceded in death by his  
18 parents, Matteo and Antoinette, nee LaBadia, Melucci, and his  
19 sister, Maria, nee Melucci, Bainbridge; and

20 WHEREAS, Matthew Melucci is survived by his nephews, Tom,  
21 Tim, Mark, and James Bainbridge; his nieces, Carla Cogdell and

1 Maria Wilckens; his great-niece and great-nephews; his  
2 brother-in-law; and his aunts and cousins; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
5 his family and friends, the passing of Matthew D. Melucci; and  
6 be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the family of Matthew Melucci as an expression of  
9 our sympathy.