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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 Charles William Germain Sr. of Palos Hills, who passed away peacefully on September 21, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Germain Sr. was born on March 31, 1915, in Oude Pekela, the Netherlands; he arrived with his family at Ellis Island, New York, on May 9, 1920; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Germain Sr. went to work for Illinois Bell on April 1, 1930, at age 15; the law at the time required him to attend school one day per week until he turned 17; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Germain Sr. attended a continuation school right on the premises at the headquarters of the Illinois Bell company; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Germain Sr.'s love of learning meant that he attended Englewood High School 4 nights a week while he worked at Illinois Bell, steadily moving up the ranks from messenger to management; and

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WHEREAS, Once he finished high school, Charles Germain Sr. earned his associate's degree from Wilson Junior College and a degree in business administration from Northwestern University

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1 in 1964, all the while working at Illinois Bell; and

2 WHEREAS, Charles Germain Sr.'s career path at Illinois Bell
3 included installation/repair technician, frame technician,
4 central office technician, equipment engineer, Personnel
5 Assessment, and Labor Relations; and

6 WHEREAS, Charles Germain Sr. retired on April 1, 1980, with
7 just one day's absence from his job in 50 years; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1945, Charles Germain Sr. earned a Vail
9 honorable mention citation for saving the life of a customer
10 who threatened suicide; and

11 WHEREAS, Charles Germain Sr. is survived by his wife of 72
12 years, Geraldine C. Germain; his daughter, Arlene Kasper; his
13 son-in-law, Edward Kasper; his son, Charles Germain Jr.; his
14 daughter-in-law, Suzanne Germain; his grandchildren, Rene
15 Germain McFadden, Deanna Rae McFadden (Chris Welch), Michael
16 Charles Germain (Marcia), and Kristin Anne Engberg (Scott); and
17 his great-grandchildren, Samantha Engberg, Charles Michael
18 Germain, Ian Welch, and Ryan Welch; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
21 Charles William Germain Sr., while at the same time celebrating

1 his lifetime of hard work and commitment to his family and
2 friends; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family and friends of Charles William Germain
5 Sr. with our sincere sympathies.