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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 Anthony T. "Tony" Ferrelli of Aurora, who passed away on February 3, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Anthony Ferrelli was born in Burlington, New Jersey to first-generation, Italian immigrants Vincenzo and Venanzia Ferrelli on November 26, 1927; he volunteered for the United States Army upon graduating from high school; he married Joan Novak on April 19, 1952; and

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WHEREAS, Anthony Ferrelli was a member of the First Infantry Division "The Big Red 1" and the 26th Infantry Regiment; he served his country for 21 years and was a highly decorated soldier, retiring as a Sergeant Major in 1967; during his Army career, he served in many locations around the world, including Germany, Japan, and Korea; in the United States, he served at Ft. Benning, Ft. Leonard Wood, Ft. Bragg, and others; he was twice stationed at Marmion Academy, where he taught ROTC; in 1966, before retiring from active service, he volunteered for duty in Vietnam; he earned the Silver Star - the Army's third-highest combat medal - for his actions over a 2-day period in March of 1967, when his outfit engaged a Viet Cong base camp and found themselves vastly outnumbered by 2000 enemy soldiers; he also earned the Bronze Star, the Purple

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1 Heart, and several other medals and recognitions; he was known  
2 as "The Humble Hero" after receiving national attention for  
3 feeling he did not deserve his Silver Star; and

4 WHEREAS, After his retirement from the Army, Anthony  
5 Ferrelli served 23 years as a letter carrier with the United  
6 States Post Office; and

7 WHEREAS, Anthony Ferrelli was a member of Holy Angels  
8 Church; and

9 WHEREAS, Anthony Ferrelli was preceded in death by his son,  
10 Michael; his parents; his brothers, Umberto, Daniel, Dominick,  
11 and Joseph; his sisters, Edith and Margaret; and his  
12 daughter-in-law, Denise; and

13 WHEREAS, Anthony Ferrelli is survived by his wife of 64  
14 years, Joan; his sons, Christopher, Mark (Wendy), and Daniel;  
15 his grandchildren, Matthew, Megan (Colin), Anthony (Kate),  
16 Celia, and Mark; his great-grandchildren, Lana, Logan, and  
17 Giovanni; his brother, Pasquale; and many nieces and nephews;  
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
21 Anthony T. "Tony" Ferrelli, and extend our sincere condolences

1 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to the family of Anthony Ferrelli as an expression of  
5 our deepest sympathy.