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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 Augustine Martel of Silvis, who passed away on February 6, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Augustine Martel was born in East Moline to Augustine and Helen Martel on September 20, 1935; he was a high school basketball star at Moline High School and received an athletic scholarship which allowed him to earn his bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa, where he studied art; he was a member of Iowa's 1954-1955 and 1955-1956 Final Four basketball teams; he served in the United States Army during the Korean War and married Mary Boyles in Rock Island in 1956; and

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WHEREAS, Augustine Martel worked for Deere and Company until his retirement in 1997; and

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WHEREAS, Augustine Martel was an avid reader of biographies, history, and nonfiction books, and enjoyed discussing them daily over coffee at home or out with friends; he was a lifelong member of the Catholic Church; and

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WHEREAS, Augustine Martel was preceded in death by his parents; and

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1 WHEREAS, Augustine Martel is survived by his wife, Mary;
2 his children, Greg Martel, Ted (Margie) Martel, Steph (Dan)
3 Kopatich, and Stacie (Bob) Smith; his grandchildren, Frances
4 Martel, Alexander Martel, Katelyn Kopatich, and Allison
5 Kopatich; and his siblings, Dorothy Sotello, Frank (Bonnie)
6 Martel, Don (Nancy) Martel, Dick (Frances) Martel, Patty
7 (Harold) Hill, Larry Martel, and David Martel; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 Augustine Martel, and extend our sincere condolences to his
11 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Augustine Martel as an expression of
15 our deepest sympathy.