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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 George Marek of Johnsburg, who passed away on August 13, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, George Marek was born in Cicero to George E. and Albina (Huml) Marek on August 11, 1922; and

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WHEREAS, George Marek served in the United States Military on the beaches of Normandy and in the infamous Battle of the Bulge; he also served courageously as a sergeant at the Battle of Ardennes, the Battle of Rhineland, the Battle of Central Europe, and with the air offensive in Europe; he received numerous medals, including the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with one Silver Battle Star; he was one of only 100 soldiers to receive the coveted Belgian Fourragere and received a commendation from the president of France; he married Edwina "Mary" Sayers, an officer in the Royal Air Force, in England on April 23, 1945; and

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WHEREAS, George Marek returned to Cicero and resumed his apprenticeship as an electrician; he was a valued employee at Western Electric for 41 years; and

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WHEREAS, George Marek had a wonderful sense of humor and a

1 memorable Elvis impersonation; he was an avid fan of the
2 Chicago Cubs, Bears, and Blackhawks and was honored as a World
3 War II veteran at the last home playoff game when the
4 Blackhawks won the 2013 Stanley Cup; and

5 WHEREAS, George Marek was preceded in death by his parents;
6 his wife, Edwina; his brother, Robert Marek; his son, William
7 Marek; and his grandsons, Ryan William and Ryan Christopher
8 Wangall; and

9 WHEREAS, George Marek is survived by his daughter, Susan
10 (Michael) Mlynski; his daughter-in-law, Rosemary Marek; his
11 grandchildren, Jefferey Wangall, Brent Wangall, Bryan (Kelly)
12 Wangall, Kevin Wangall, David (Cheryl) Wangall, Mark (Sandy)
13 Wangall, Melissa Wangall (Eric Hoffman), Megan (Dan)
14 Salvatore, Jared Marek (Sara Commo), William Marek, Robert
15 Marek, and Michael Marek; his great-grandchildren, Ryan,
16 Kayla, Victoria, Bryan Jr., Isabel, Max, Charlotte, Johnny,
17 Chloe, Ruby, Ella, Jakob, Lukas, Aggie, and Edgar; and his
18 great-great grandchild, Aerabella; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
21 George Marek, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
22 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

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