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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 Reverend Ottis Langston Livingston of Decatur, who passed away on January 20, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Livingston was born in Decatur to Horace Livingston Sr. and Arlusta (Sanders) Livingston on November 10, 1929; he attended the Decatur Public Schools; he married Honeylee Turnbo on September 2, 1950; he served in the U.S. Army as a Combat Medic Soldier under the 15th Medical and 1st Calvary Divisions during the Korean War; he was awarded a Bronze Star medal along with a medal from the President of South Korea; he was honorably discharged on November 6, 1956; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Livingston worked as a lead operator at A.E. Staley; he retired after 33 years of employment; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Livingston dedicated his life at an early age to his faith; he was ordained an Elder in the Church of God in Christ in Decatur; he attended Foursquare Bible College; he was a Charter Member of Life Changers Church and served as a church trustee for many years; he became the Chaplain for the Macon County Jail in 1983; this experience led him, along with his wife, to found the Reach Prison Ministry; and

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1 WHEREAS, Rev. Livingston was very active within the Decatur
2 community; he served on several committees and councils,
3 including the Mental Health Committee, the Homeward Bound
4 Board, the City Advisory Committee, and the Elders Council; he
5 served as a special policeman for the City of Decatur for 18
6 years; he participated as a Grand Marshal for the Decatur
7 Christmas Parade; he received numerous awards, plaques, and
8 citations from State officials and local and city leaders; and

9 WHEREAS, Rev. Livingston enjoyed watching local sports
10 games, gardening, and playing baseball as a former Jolly Boys
11 player; he was a man of great standards; and

12 WHEREAS, Rev. Livingston was preceded in death by his
13 parents; his daughter, Dianne; four brothers; and two sisters;
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15 WHEREAS, Rev. Livingston is survived by his wife of 69
16 years; his son, Bishop Glenn E. (Marcia) Livingston; his
17 daughters, Susan Denise (Arthur) Vickers, Donna
18 Livingston-Barry, and Suzy Lee Livingston; his seven
19 grandchildren; his eight great-grandchildren; and his nieces,
20 nephews, relatives, church family, and the Decatur Community
21 family; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Reverend Ottis Langston Livingston and extend our sincere
4 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
5 him; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Reverend Livingston as an expression
8 of our deepest sympathy.