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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 Aaron Odom, who passed away on June 15, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Aaron Odom was born in Tunica, Mississippi to Leon and Ellen Odom on June 26, 1954; as a child, he was known for his exceptional academic aptitude and excelled in both math and science; he attended Penn Elementary School and Farragut High School; he was a star athlete throughout his high school and college careers; and

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WHEREAS, Aaron Odom was called into the ministry in the late 1980s; he was ordained as an elder under the leadership of the late Bishop William Haven Bonner of the Illinois Sixth Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction in 2004; he was concerned and passionate about sharing the gospel; he was known for always offering an immediate prayer when requested and for being an eloquent orator; as an associate minister, he consistently taught Bible study and preached Sunday morning service at The Potter's House Christian Church; and

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WHEREAS, Aaron Odom was known for his sense of humor, quick wit, wisdom, intellect, faith, and love for his family; he was passionate about sports throughout his life, and he

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1 coached his children and grandchildren in their athletic  
2 endeavors; he facilitated family Bible studies and prayer  
3 circles on a regular basis; he called his family every day to  
4 check in, pray, and offer support, comfort, mentorship, and  
5 motivation; he was devoted to building a future for his  
6 family; and

7 WHEREAS, Aaron Odom was preceded in death by his mother,  
8 Ellen Odom, and his granddaughter, Abigail Davis; and

9 WHEREAS, Aaron Odom is survived by his father, Leon (Lucy)  
10 Odom; his sisters, Katherine (Jerry) Newsome and Lendora  
11 Daniels; his lifelong companion, Sharon (Jones) Odom; his  
12 daughters, Tamela Odom, Michelle Odom, Karen Odom, and  
13 Laquania Odom-Davis (Peter); his sons, Ivan Odom and Kyle  
14 Odom; his grandchildren, Kimani Mobley, Joshua Benford,  
15 Brielle Simone Odom, Peter Davis Jr., and Alexis Davis; and a  
16 host of relatives, friends, and church family; therefore, be  
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18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
20 Aaron Odom and extend our sincere condolences to his family,  
21 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Aaron Odom as an expression of our  
2 deepest sympathy.