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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Rev. Dr. John Q. Owens Jr.; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Owens served in the U.S. Army during World
5 War II; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Owens, a prolific preacher-teacher, became a
7 connectional officer in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME)
8 Church and served as a pastor for 40 years; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Owens pastored at Bethel AME Church in
Madison for over 20 years, where he served faithfully with
perfect attendance alongside his wife, Dr. Dorothy Owens; he
retired under Bishop John R. Bryant (Ret.); and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Owens and his wife previously served at
three other churches for a combined 20 years before joining
Bethel AME Church; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Owens served as the social action
director/consultant for the AME Church, following the
transitioning of Dr. Leroy Nesbit in South Africa, and as a
member of the church's general board meeting for 16 years; and

1 WHEREAS, Rev. Owens will be remembered for his leadership,
2 guidance, and teachings; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 Rev. Dr. John Q. Owens Jr. and extend our sincere condolences
6 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Rev. Owens as an expression of our
10 deepest sympathy.