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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Reverend Willie Davis Melton on Sunday, September 18, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on February 20, 1938, in Tutwiler, Mississippi, to the late Walter and Katie Mae Melton; he relocated to Gary, Indiana, in the early 1950s and worked for USX Gary Works and Blast Furnace, retiring in February of 2000 with 32 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, He became a Christian at an early age and united with New Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in Gary, where he served in several auxiliaries; he later joined the Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church and was fully ordained on April 11, 1993, and was appointed pastor upon the death of Reverend J. Jones Jr.; and

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WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; both maternal and paternal grandparents; his sister, Dora; his brother, Walter; his niece, Lorraine Blair; and his great-nephew, Oscar Kelly Jr.; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Reverend Melton has been deeply felt by many, especially his sisters, Charlotte (Robert) Miller, Katie Mae Blair, Ruth Cooley, Corrine Fairrow, and Ernestine Melton; his brothers, Eddie Melton and Lendal (Rochelle) Melton; his daughters, Timi (Floyd) Boyd, Towana Melton, Evangelist Brenda (Cubby) Gray, and Andrea (Jeffrey) Tucker; his sons, Robert Stinneth and Timothy Melton; his eight grandchildren; his two great-grandchildren; his aunts, Maggie Peterson, Lillie Davis, and Geneva; and his many other relatives and friends; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 Reverend Willie Davis Melton, and we extend our sincere
3 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
4 him; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
7 sympathy.