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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 Dana Ferguson Myers, who passed away on October 27, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Dana Ferguson Myers was born on June 20, 1966 in Batesville, Mississippi; she was a graduate of Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia and received her master of divinity degree from the Princeton Theological Seminary in 1991; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Dana Ferguson Myers found her calling for the ministry when she was faced with the deaths of three classmates out of a class of 20 at her private high school; choosing to embrace the things of faith instead of rejecting them, she chose to serve her community and the Lord; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Dana Ferguson Myers served as a program manager for the Metropolitan Interfaith Association in Memphis, Tennessee, a nonprofit social service agency for low-income and elderly citizens; she then became an associate pastor for outreach at the Idlewild Presbyterian Church in Memphis; and

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WHEREAS, In 1998, Rev. Dana Ferguson Myers took a position

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2 Church of Chicago, where she oversaw the outreach programs to
3 the needy within the community; in 2005, she was promoted to
4 the position of executive associate pastor, a position that put
5 her in charge of a staff of 100 people; and

6 WHEREAS, Rev. Dana Ferguson Myers is survived by her
7 husband, Reverend Wayne Myers; her sons, Daniel and Taylor; her
8 mother, Betsy Ferguson; and her sister, Liz Ferguson;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
12 her family and friends, the passing of Reverend Dana Ferguson
13 Myers; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Reverend Dana Ferguson Myers as an
16 expression of our sympathy.