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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 Jodie A. Luster, Jr. of Centreville, who passed away on October 27, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on July 28, 1928 to Jodie A. Luster, Sr. and Adellar Mitchell in Houston, Mississippi; he accepted Christ at an early age at New Zion Baptist Church, under the leadership of Reverend Robinson; he attended Parnell Elementary School and Houston High School; and

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WHEREAS, As a young man he moved to Webster Groves, Missouri, and later Centreville; in 1950 he married Geneva Collins and together they had six children; he was a thirty-one year employee of Hunter Packing Company until his retirement; he was also an automobile salesman, owner of Luster's Car Wash and Luster's Wrecking and Excavating; and

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WHEREAS, He served on the Board of Education in Centreville, as a member of the Centreville Volunteer Fire Department in the 1950s and 1960s, as a Centreville Alderman, and as a member of the Cahokia Water Company Board of Directors for the last eight years; and

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WHEREAS, He was a minister at Calvary Missionary Baptist

1 Church, founded by his father, Jodie Luster, Sr.; he held  
2 Saturday morning prayer service no matter what the weather; and

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Jodie A. Luster, Jr. is survived by his  
4 wife, Geneva; his sons, Flinn (Brenda), Kerry (Susan Swope),  
5 Lardez, and Marcus (Connie); his daughters, Sheila (Will)  
6 Croom, Tawana (Charlie) Moore, and Renee Givens; his sisters,  
7 Elvira Wright, Ruthie Mae (Jasper) Montgomery, and Esteria  
8 Thompson; his brothers, Charles Lee (Betty) and Larry (Breck);  
9 his godson, Raphal Wright; his twenty-seven grandchildren;  
10 forty-five great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews,  
11 cousins, other relatives, and friends; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
14 his family and friends, the passing of Reverend Jodie A.  
15 Luster, Jr.; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Reverend Jodie A. Luster, Jr. as a  
18 symbol of our sincere sympathy.