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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 Pastor Emeritus Warren C. Dorris, Sr. of Joliet, who passed away on December 27, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on March 21, 1925 to Reggie and Ivory Dorris in Winona, Mississippi; and

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WHEREAS, He was educated in the Winona Public School System and was a decorated World War II Veteran, earning a Purple Heart after being wounded in Belgium; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor Dorris was employed by Caterpillar, Inc. for over 32 years; he was also one of the founding members of Prayer Tower Church of God in Christ; Pastor Dorris worked faithfully as a deacon, trustee, assistant pastor, and other positions for over 60 years; he loved his family and cherished family time and holidays; and

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WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents, Reggie and Ivory Dorris; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Samuel and Martha Rimpson; his brothers, Joe Flint Dorris, L.C. Dorris, Sr., Willie D. Dorris, and Robert L. Dorris, Sr.; his sisters, Ellen Waldington and Ella Mae Waldington; his grandchildren, Michelle Alexander Garner, Montique Mays, and

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1 Satoria Spiva; his sons-in-law, Eddie Westmoreland and Charles
2 Williams; his sisters-in law, Catherine Hobbs Dorris, Maudie
3 McKenzie Dorris, Annie Rimpson Harrison, Lucille Rimpson
4 Moore, Dora Meyers Rimpson, and Mattie Townsend Dorris; his
5 brothers-in-law, Sammie Rimpson, Kale Rimpson, Lenard Rimpson,
6 Nathan Rimpson, Eddie Luther Rimpson, Ulysses Moore, and Alfred
7 Harrison; and his god-daughter, Kimberly Edmon; and

8 WHEREAS, Pastor Emeritus Warren C. Dorris, Sr. leaves to
9 cherish his memory his loving wife of 65 years, Margaret; his
10 daughters, Marie Dorris, Freida Kimble, Ruby Williams,
11 Dolorita Mackins (Cecil), Ivory Crosby (Terry), and Sherry
12 Westmoreland; his son, Pastor/Councilman Warren C. Dorris, Jr.
13 (Rita); his grandchildren, Walter (Paula) Kimble, Samuel Mays,
14 Yolanda Alexander, Tawana (Jerry) McCullum, Garland Mays,
15 Nicole Kimble, Demmond (Tequilla) Dorris, LaCresha Alexander,
16 Monica Wright, Andre Dorris, Shavahn (Alvin) Jefferson,
17 Christopher Wright, Curtis Anthony Rodgers, Camille Wright,
18 Erick Dorris, Justin (Natalie) Rodgers, Jennifer Spiva, Erica
19 Tyus, and Brandon Mackins; his 38 great-grandchildren; his one
20 great-great-grandson; his special nieces, Lucille Kyles and
21 Mae Ruth Carr; his sisters-in law, Mattie Dorris, Jeffie
22 Dorris, Virginia Hughes, Daisy Rimpson, and Debra Rimpson; his
23 god-children, Jazerle Amos, Garrett and Gary Beene, Mera
24 Warren-Gall, Joshua Edmon, and Andre Holder; his spiritual
25 daughters, Meredith Beene, Elaine Conley, and Geneva Allen; his

1 special friend, Billy Hamilton, Sr.; the entire Prayer Tower
2 Church family; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and
3 friends; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
6 his family, friends, and congregation, the passing of Pastor
7 Emeritus Warren C. Dorris, Sr.; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Pastor Emeritus Warren C. Dorris,
10 Sr. as a symbol of our sincere sympathy.