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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Reverend George Orval Dougherty, who passed away on February 22, 2011; and

WHEREAS, George Dougherty was born on June 27, 1927, in Harrisburg; his parents were Orval and Hallie (Malone) Dougherty; he married Rosella Nell Ledbetter on December 26, 1944; and

WHEREAS, George Dougherty attended high school in Harrisburg, where he became a state champion runner in track; he loved running and continued to run throughout his life, even into his 70s, and won numerous local and state awards; and

WHEREAS, George Dougherty served in the United States Army during World War II until he was honorably discharged; and

WHEREAS, In his early 20s, George Dougherty answered the call of God on his life to be a minister of the Word and began pastoring in General Baptist churches in Raleigh and Stonefort; in 1960, he was called to pastor the First General Baptist Church in East Alton, where he served for seven years; in 1967, he and his family moved to Kingston, Jamaica, to serve as missionaries for seven years; upon returning to the United

1 States, he founded the Alpha Chapel, which he pastored for 25
2 years until his retirement in 1997; during that time, he
3 established the Alpha Christian Academy, which offers
4 kindergarten through grade 12 schooling to the children of the
5 church; and

6 WHEREAS, George Dougherty was a member of the Bethalto
7 Church of God; and

8 WHEREAS, George Dougherty was preceded in death by his
9 parents and his sister, Evelyn Dallas; and

10 WHEREAS, George Dougherty is survived by his sisters, Jean
11 Richard and Barbara Dougherty; his wife, Rosella; his daughters
12 and their spouses, Lee Ann and Gary Tedrick, Patty and Dennis
13 Adams, and Nancy and Mark Leady; his grandchildren, Jennifer
14 Tedrick Schulz, Mindy Adams Schuette, Amber Adams Greenwell,
15 Christal Adams Allemand, Kendra Adams Warren, Eric Fairfax,
16 Jami Fairfax Anderson, and Mark Leady Jr.; his
17 great-grandchildren, Truman and Ellie Schulz, Isabella and Eli
18 Schuette, Emma, Grace, and Mia Greenwell, Noelle and Jada
19 Allemand, Carson Warren, Zarion Felder, Baya Fairfax, Landon
20 and Dylan Bollinger, Tobin and Aidyn Faulkner, and Palin Leady;
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
2 his family and friends, the passing of Reverend George Orval
3 Dougherty; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of George Dougherty as an expression of
6 our sympathy.