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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 Joel Clayton Johnson Sr. of Peoria, who passed away on April 4, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Joel Johnson Sr. was born on August 17, 1962, in Chicago to Bishop Joseph H. and Annie Jo (Hunter) Johnson; he graduated from Woodruff High School in 1980; and

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WHEREAS, Joel Johnson Sr. was an ordained minister, peer mentor, and board member at New Hope Apartments and its president's counsel; and

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WHEREAS, Joel Johnson Sr. was employed by ComEd for over a decade and held various positions at Caterpillar, Cilco, UPS, and ADM; and

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WHEREAS, Joel Johnson Sr. was preceded in death by his mother, Annie Jo Gordon; and

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WHEREAS, Joel Johnson Sr. is survived by his children, Joel Clayton Johnson Jr. and Gabrielle Armani Johnson; his father, Bishop Joseph Johnson; his siblings Jonathan (Dedra) Johnson Sr., Illinois State Representative Jehan (Derrick) Booth, Jamal (Rosie) Gordon, Ralph (Gloria) Wrightner, Roger Jordan,

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1 Lydell Gordon Jr., Chantay (Corey) Gray, Shando (Don) Harris,
2 Antoinette (Cornelius) Donald, and Daniel (Liz) Billsbury; and
3 23 foster brothers; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 Joel Johnson Sr., and we extend our sincere condolences to his
7 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Joel Johnson Sr. as an expression of
11 our deepest sympathy.