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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 Bishop Glaudis Lawrence, III who passed away on March 30, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Glaudis Lawrence, III was born on February 2, 1955 in Chattanooga, Tennessee; his parents were Glaudis Lawrence, II and Mary B. Green; and

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WHEREAS, While dating his future wife, Glaudis Lawrence, III went with her to an evening service at God's House of All Nations, which started his long relationship with God; he subsequently joined God's House of All Nation in Chicago, where he was a faithful and loyal member for many years and was a member of the church band; in 1978, Bishop Lawrence's father-in-law started the ministry of God's House of Brotherly Love Church, where he served for over 20 years in many capacities, including president and member of the choir, Sunday school teacher, and deacon; he was later ordained as a minister and worked side-by-side with Bishop Howard and Mother Joyce Abbey to spread the gospel and draw souls to the church; and

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WHEREAS, After the passing of his father-in-law in December of 1997, Glaudis Lawrence, III founded a new church, which was renamed God's House of Brotherly Love Church 2; the church was

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1 opened for the first time on January 3, 1999 at its new
2 location on 425 Bohland Avenue in Bellwood, which was also the
3 home of Meca Elementary Christian School, which he co-founded
4 and served as the Chief Financial Officer; and

5 WHEREAS, Glaudis Lawrence, III was a philanthropist and
6 humanitarian; he served the community by providing many
7 services, including classes on the biblical foundations of
8 Christ, supporting Tabatha's Shelter for Women and Children
9 with food and clothing, working with the Prison Ministry,
10 supporting the Children's Hunger Fund and Toys for Tots and
11 other local ministries, and various community initiatives; he
12 sponsored weekly bible study programs and family men and women
13 conferences each year; he also spent countless hours
14 volunteering and coaching boys' basketball and the Pop Warner
15 football in Maywood for many years; and

16 WHEREAS, Glaudis Lawrence, III was employed as a successful
17 independent contractor; he was the founder and owner of G & G
18 Builders; his craftsmanship lead him to become a foreman for
19 many building and renovation projects in the Chicagoland and
20 Suburban areas, such as the development project for God's House
21 of Brotherly Love Church in Maywood and Living Word Christian
22 Center in Forest Park; and

23 WHEREAS, Glaudis Lawrence, III was preceded in death by his

1 parents; his stepfather, Charles Green, Sr.; and his brother,
2 Charles D. Green, Jr.; and

3 WHEREAS, Glaudis Lawrence, III is survived by his loving
4 wife of 39 years, Pastor Pamela J. Lawrence; his children,
5 Pastor Gaylena (Pastor Superbreed) White, Pastor Glennetta
6 (Elder Ken) Crowder, Glaudis Lawrence, IV, and TaDarrius
7 Douglas; his grandchildren, Jayden Lawrence-White, Judah
8 Crowder, Glaudis Lawrence, V, Jaydah Lawrence, and Chase
9 Lawrence; his sister, Minister LaRita (Elder Larry)
10 Washington; his brothers, Michael (Valery) Lawrence, Sr. and
11 Roderick (Angeleada) Green; his 5 grandchildren; his many
12 nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; his God's
13 House of Brotherly Love Church 2 and Meca Elementary Christian
14 School family; and his many other relatives and friends;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
18 family and friends, mourn the passing of Bishop Glaudis
19 Lawrence, III; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Glaudis Lawrence, III as an
22 expression of our sympathy.