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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 Val Johnson of Peoria, who passed away on September 7, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Bishop Val Johnson was born on January 6, 1917 in Chicago; his parents were James Garfield and Nellie (nee Currie) Johnson; he married Leah G. Thomas, who preceded him in death in 2001; he later married Sarah B. (nee Davis) McNeil on November 30, 2002; and

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WHEREAS, Bishop Val Johnson served as Pastor of the Pentecostal Church of Jesus from 1962 until his retirement in 2007; he also worked as a City of Peoria Plumbing Inspector until his retirement in 1989 after 25 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Bishop Val Johnson was preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers, Raymond and Emanuel Johnson; and a sister, Rochella Manuel; and

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WHEREAS, Bishop Val Johnson is survived by his loving wife, Sarah Johnson; 14 children; Byron Val (Anita) Johnson, Valerie Leah Harrell, Yvonne Alice Jordan, Yvette Alice Cummings, Felicia Helen Carreker, Earl "Baker" McNeil, Sidney McNeil, Wendell McNeil, Glenna Lee Branscumb, Joann (Michael) Kirksey,

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1 Clora Lee Johnson, Donna Bess McNeil, Sandra (De Wayne) Harris,
2 and Janice McNeil; 34 grandchildren; and many
3 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
6 family and friends, mourn the passing of Bishop Val Johnson;
7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Bishop Val Johnson as an expression
10 of our sympathy.