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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Pastor
4 Arthur J. Guyton, Sr. of Peoria, who passed away on January 12,
5 2015; and

6 WHEREAS, Arthur Guyton, Sr. was born in Blytheville,
7 Arkansas on April 8, 1936 to Marshall and Fannie (nee Clark)
8 Guyton; he attended school in Blytheville, Arkansas; he
9 graduated from the Walther Theological Seminary in Decatur and
10 attended branch extension classes in Monroe, Louisiana, where
11 he earned several degrees; he married Lena Ferguson; and

12 WHEREAS, Arthur Guyton, Sr. retired from Caterpillar, Inc.
13 in Morton after 34 years of dedicated service; he also served
14 in the jail ministry for 40 years and was the founder of
15 Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, serving as pastor there for
16 16 years; and

17 WHEREAS, Arthur Guyton, Sr. held many positions with the
18 Baptist Ministerial Alliance; he was a member of the Baptist
19 Ministerial Alliance board and served on many other boards; and

20 WHEREAS, Arthur Guyton, Sr. loved helping people, family
21 gatherings, and cooking; and

1 WHEREAS, Arthur Guyton, Sr. was preceded in death by his
2 parents; his 3 brothers; and his 4 sisters; and

3 WHEREAS, Arthur Guyton, Sr. is survived by his wife of 58
4 years, Lena; his 3 sons, Arthur (Georgetta) Guyton, Jr., Carey
5 L. Guyton, and Stephen D. (Denise) Guyton; his 3 daughters,
6 Margaret J. Guyton, Marnette Riley, and Lori T. (Pastor Harold)
7 Dawson, Jr.; his 4 brothers, Johnny (Lois) Guyton, Willie
8 (Willie B.) Guyton, Dave (Emma) Guyton, and Thurmond Guyton;
9 his 5 sisters, Verlean Johnson, Bobbie Posey, Pauline Dodson,
10 Mary Logan, and Thedosia Guyton; his 21 grandchildren; his 29
11 great-grandchildren; his great-great-grandchild; his 5
12 godchildren; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear
13 friends; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 mourn the passing of Pastor Arthur J. Guyton, Sr., and extend
17 our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who
18 knew and loved him; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Arthur Guyton, Sr. as an expression
21 of our sympathy.