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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 Pastor Ivin Lamont Phillips, Sr. of Chicago, who passed away on October 24, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor Phillips was born in Chicago on April 7, 1960 to John Wesley and Cora Mae Phillips; he was a member of Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, where he was baptized by his father and served as a choir member, deacon, and Sunday school teacher; he attended Crane High School, Lamar Community College, and the University of Illinois at Chicago, playing basketball at each; he obtained his TV/radio certification from the Illinois Technical Institute and he attended the Washburn Trade School, where he became a licensed electrician; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor Phillips worked in the electrician field for over 20 years; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor Phillips accepted his call to preach in 1992 and became a licensed and ordained minister; he became the Pastor of Hopewell M. B. Church after the passing of his father in 1998; he completed the vision started by his dad, moving Hopewell from the old location to its present in 2001; he served faithfully for 17 years and during his leadership, the membership increased and various community outreach programs

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1 were added; he graduated from Faith Seminary, where he obtained  
2 his Doctorate in Ministry and Master of Theological Studies; he  
3 also studied abroad in Israel; he pursued classes at Bill  
4 Winston Bible College and Moody Bible Institute and was also a  
5 certified chaplain; and

6 WHEREAS, Pastor Phillips was fondly known as "Ivo" by his  
7 basketball buddies and their team, "Cheat You Fair", enjoyed  
8 several championships together; he coached the Memorial Park  
9 Traveling Wildcats basketball team and was known as "Coach  
10 Phillips" to many in the Bellwood Community; and

11 WHEREAS, Pastor Phillips served as 1st Vice-President from  
12 2010 to 2014 of the Sunlight District Congress of Christian  
13 Education and taught extensively throughout the State; he was a  
14 member of the United Baptist State Convention of Illinois; he  
15 preached at the National Baptist Convention, USA in 2013 and  
16 served with Inter Faith Illinois and Proviso Township  
17 Ministerial Alliance Network; and

18 WHEREAS, Pastor Phillips is survived by his wife of 25  
19 years, Jeanette Phillips; his 2 sons, Ivin Lamont Phillips Jr.  
20 and Jarvis Lamont Phillips; his mother, Cora Mae Phillips; his  
21 8 brothers, John Douglas (Willie Mae), Michael (Juanita),  
22 Robert (Linda), Elder Jerry (Geraldine), James (Beverly),  
23 Winston (Cheryl), Minister Autry (Cheryl), and Victor (Kisha);

1 his 2 sisters, Gloria and Felicia; his father-in-law, Dennis  
2 Beasley; his 2 sisters-in-law, Cheryl Beasley and Katrina  
3 Beasley; his brother-in-law, Tim Beasley; a host of aunts,  
4 uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and church family;  
5 and his fathers in the ministry, Pastor Curtis Brooks and  
6 Emeritus C.L. Brookins; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
9 Pastor Ivin Lamont Phillips, Sr., and extend our sincere  
10 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
11 him; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Pastor Phillips as an expression of  
14 our deepest sympathy.