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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Hattie B. Jones, D.Div.; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Jones was born to Deacon Alex "Buddy Red" and
5 Mother Lula B. (Watkins) Johnson in Madison County,
6 Mississippi; she committed to her faith at an early age, being
7 raised in the Church of God in Christ (COGIC), including St.
8 Mark COGIC in Canton, Mississippi; she married Lawrence C.
9 Jones Sr. on August 10, 1940, and they relocated to Jackson,
10 Mississippi, where they had five children and attended Davis
11 Temple COGIC; after her husband completed his military
12 service, she and her family settled in Chicago, where they
13 served at Union Tabernacle COGIC and later Rehoboth COGIC; she
14 earned her GED by attending night schools in Chicago,
15 including Forestville North School, Wendell Phillips Academy
16 High School, and Crane High School; she later earned a Doctor
17 of Divinity from Logos Bible College; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Jones held numerous roles in the course of
19 her life, including serving as a homemaker, a nurse, a Sunday
20 school teacher, a youth director, a missionary, an
21 international evangelist, and an ordained pastor; she founded
22 Evangelist Hattie B. Jones Ministries in the 1970s; while
23 serving at Faith Temple COGIC, she expanded her ministry and

1 was appointed overseer of Great Northern COGIC in 1979; she
2 later established New Nation Ministries; she became the first
3 female ordained pastor in COGIC in March 1987; over the years,
4 she supported numerous church leaders and ministered at
5 conferences and revivals across major U.S. cities; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Jones was the recipient of many honors
7 throughout her life, including receiving letters from U.S.
8 presidents, keys to various cities, and recognition from
9 national and local leaders; she also became the namesake of
10 Chicago's 87th Street, located between Paulina and Wood,
11 titled the Honorary Dr. Hattie B. Jones Way; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Jones was a prophetess and a trailblazer for
13 women in ministry who touched countless lives through her
14 ministry, teaching, and healing over the decades; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Jones is survived by her sisters, Prophetess
16 Savannah Dean and Evangelist Bessie (Tony) Evans; her
17 children, Superintendent Lawrence C. Jones, Evangelist Gailya
18 A. Jones, and Evangelist Joyce J. Jones, Ph.D.; her
19 son-in-law, Warner Springs; 17 grandchildren; and a host of
20 great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, relatives,
21 and friends; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 Hattie B. Jones, D.Div. and extend our sincere condolences to
3 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Dr. Jones as an expression of our
7 deepest sympathy.