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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 Reverend Jerry D. McGraw, who passed away on August 22, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry McGraw was born to Zach and Dorothy McGraw in Memphis, Tennessee on April 18, 1940; he moved to Chicago and attended Dunbar Vocational High School; he served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and returned home as a chemical engineer; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry McGraw worked as an operational engineer at the City of Chicago Purification Plant for 30 years; he held various roles within the City of Chicago, including at the Chicago Tribune; he also ran his own small business as a funeral home director; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry McGraw's faith from an early age inspired him to become an ordained minister; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry McGraw's extraordinary life was a testament to faith, love, compassion, and unwavering strength; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry McGraw was preceded in death by his siblings and his children, Yelleeta and Jerry Jr.; and

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1 WHEREAS, Jerry McGraw's greatest joy in life was his wife
2 of 50 years, Betty McGraw, and they had six children together,
3 Joshua, Darryl, Marschan, Stantevia, Nakita (Kevin), and
4 Daniel; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Reverend Jerry D. McGraw and extend our sincere condolences to
8 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Jerry McGraw as an expression of our
12 deepest sympathy.