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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened 3 to learn of the death of Pastor Brenda L. Holder, who passed 4 away on October 5, 2024; and

5 WHEREAS, Pastor Holder served as pastor at Praise Outreach 6 Ministries for 25 years; she was called to be a missionary in 7 1982, and she was later commissioned and ordained as an 8 evangelist in 1990; prior to joining Praise Outreach 9 Ministries, she served at the Greater Gillespie Temple Church 10 of God in Christ (COGIC); and

11 WHEREAS, Pastor Holder was regarded as a guiding light, a 12 progressive servant leader, a prayer warrior, a confidant, an 13 educator, and a friend to countless members, visitors, and 14 collegiate youth who matriculated from East St. Louis and 15 surrounding states; she was also noted for her devotion to the 16 preservation and teachings of her faith; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Holder was a pillar of her family, Praise Outreach Ministries, and the community of Carbondale; she will be especially remembered for her humble spirit, her compassionate heart, and her zest for life; and

21 WHEREAS, Pastor Holder is survived by her husband, two

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4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL 5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of 6 Pastor Brenda L. Holder and extend our sincere condolences to 7 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it 8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 10 presented to the family of Pastor Holder as an expression of 11 our deepest sympathy.