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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with great sadness of the passing of the Reverend John E. Lass of Taylorville on November 14, 2003; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend John E. Lass was born on February 9, 1919, in Stonington to Romie and Carrie Sims Lass; he married Lucy Ferguson on October 31, 1942, in Presque Isle, Maine; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Lass was a retired machinist with Borg Warner and founding pastor of the Life Tabernacle Church in Taylorville; he served in the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, Reverend Lass demonstrated that his Pentecostal beliefs were the guiding force in his life by being the founding pastor of Life Tabernacle Church in Taylorville and serving as its senior pastor until his death; Reverend Lass was a spiritual leader at the church, someone who was always positive and strongly believed in the power of faith, hope, and charity; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Lass always carried a happy and joyous disposition that warmed the hearts and brightened the days of all those he touched, especially his family; and

WHEREAS, The passing of the Reverend John E. Lass has been deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his beloved wife, Lucy Lass; his son, David John (Linda Anne) Lass; his daughter, Janie M. (James "Skip") Moenck; his grandchildren, Regan A. Mansfield, Anthony W. Moenck, Kaitlan N. Moenck, Hunter L. Moenck, Rydge A. Moenck, Michelle L. McMillian, David J. Lass, Jr., Anne M. Harrison-White, Heather D. Frye, and Brian M. Harrison; his great-grandchildren, Shelby Hunter Lee McMillian, Jacob Ryan McMillian, Chealsea Nichole Lass, Chasity Amber Rena Lass, and Alyssa Marie Lass; his

1 sister, Evelyn Pleshe; and his 17 nieces and nephews; he was  
2 preceded in death by his parents, granddaughter, Amanda Hunter  
3 Leigh Lass; two sisters, two brothers; and nephew, Johnny  
4 Isabell; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of  
7 the Reverend John E. Lass along with all who knew and loved him  
8 and extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends;  
9 and be it further

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