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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 John Franklin Simpson Jr., of Moro, who passed away on January 18, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, John Franklin Simpson Jr. was born on September 2, 1924, in Alton, the son of John F. and Helen (Everett) Simpson Sr.; he married the former Viola Baker on September 30, 1945, in Cottage Hills; and

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WHEREAS, He served his country from 1942 to 1945 in the United States Army; he worked in the shipping department at the Olin Corporation for more than 43 years, retiring in June of 1983; and

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WHEREAS, He was an ordained minister and the pastor of the Community Church in West Alton, Missouri for nine years; he would fill in for local ministers through the Association of Alton Baptist Ministers; and he loved to study and read about the Lord; and

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WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Melvin, Buddy, and Floyd Simpson; and one sister, Pearl Graham; and

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1 WHEREAS, Reverend Simpson is survived by his wife, Viola;
2 his children and their spouses, Mike Simpson, Dannie Simpson,
3 James and Cindy Simpson, Rhonda and Ed Tobias, and Karen and
4 the Reverend Terry McKinzie; his nine grandchildren, Shawna,
5 John, Todd, Tom, Katie, and Jamie Simpson and Megan, Ashley,
6 and Zachary McKinzie; his great-grandchild, Ross; his sister
7 and brother-in-law, Thelma and Jerry King; his brother, Marvin
8 Simpson; and his many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
11 his family and friends, the passing of Reverend John Franklin
12 Simpson Jr.; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Reverend John Franklin Simpson Jr.
15 as a symbol of our sincere sympathy.