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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Rev. Dr.
4 Isaac Singleton, who recently passed away; and

5 WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Isaac Singleton was one of the most
6 influential spiritual leaders of our time; he dedicated his
7 entire life to making a difference for mankind; during the 50's
8 and 60's, Dr. Singleton played a major role in the civil rights
9 movement, marching alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Dr.
10 Singleton shared Dr. King's dream, his vision, and the struggle
11 for equality; and

12 WHEREAS, As a result of believing right is right and wrong
13 is wrong, he gained national recognition for his efforts in the
14 civil rights movement; Dr. Singleton was known throughout the
15 world as a leader for all people; he was also recognized as one
16 of the most prolific speakers/teachers of the gospel; for over
17 four decades, Dr. Singleton spread the good news of Jesus
18 Christ around the world; for nearly 50 years, he served as the
19 pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Joliet; and

20 WHEREAS, Prior to pastoring Mt. Zion, Dr. Singleton
21 pastored the Russell Street Church in East St. Louis, and he
22 pastored the Colette Street Church in Danville; under his

1 leadership at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, membership grew from 100
2 to 2,000 members; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Singleton served as president for the
4 Metropolitan Alliance Council (MAC); he was the founder and
5 past president of the Joliet Affiliate Rainbow/P.U.S.H.
6 Coalition; he served as the religious coordinator for the
7 Illinois Rainbow/P.U.S.H. and as an active National Board
8 Member; he was also the founder of the Hill Memorial Center of
9 Joliet; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1986, Dr. Singleton was one of 150
11 African-American pastors invited to the White House by former
12 President Ronald Reagan to consult on civil rights issues; Dr.
13 Singleton served the community, State, and nation in many
14 capacities, including serving as a former trustee for the Will
15 County Regional Education Board, a member of the Joliet
16 Township High School Foundation, an appointee to the Illinois
17 Department of Children and Family Services Advisory Council by
18 former Governor James Thompson (served 12 years and was
19 chairman for two terms), Board of Directors of the Joliet
20 Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry (served one year as
21 vice president), a board member on the Economic Commission of
22 Will County Downtown Redevelopment, President of the Baptist
23 General State Congress of Christian Education of Illinois,
24 instructor of the National Baptist Congress of Christian

1 Education-USA, vice president of the National Baptist
2 Congress, superintendent of Human Relations of the Baptist
3 General State Convention of Illinois for 25 years, and
4 moderator of the Lebanon Baptist District Association; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Singleton received many honorary
6 distinctions, including inductions into the Who's Who Among
7 Black Americans and the Joliet/Will County Hall of Pride; he
8 was awarded the honor of having a street named after him
9 (Singleton Place), and the board room within the Joliet Region
10 Chamber of Commerce and Industry is also named in his honor
11 (The Rev. Isaac Singleton Room); and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Singleton was also the recipient of the Joliet
13 Chamber Lifetime Achievement Award; he was also awarded the
14 Community Relations Award from the city of Joliet (1970), the
15 Distinguished Citizen Award from Lewis University (1975), the
16 Outstanding Dedication to Service in Education from the
17 Educational Service Region of Will County, and the Community
18 Leader of American National Editors of America Award (1969);
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Isaac Singleton is survived by his wife,
21 the former Pearlle B. Dexter; his six children; his 19
22 grandchildren; his 8 greatgrandchildren; and his 4 great-great
23 grandchildren; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
3 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we mourn, along with his family
4 and friends, the passing of Rev. Dr. Isaac Singleton; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Rev. Dr. Isaac Singleton as a symbol
8 of our sincere sympathy.