



HR0901

LRB098 20528 MST 56615 r

1

HOUSE RESOLUTION

2

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Reverend Cleven Minter, Sr. of Chicago; and

3

4

5

WHEREAS, Rev. Minter, Sr. was born on August 4, 1932 in Lake Providence, Louisiana to Clara and David Minter; he received his education in the Louisiana school system and settled in Chicago in 1952; he received his Bachelor of Bible Study Degree in August of 1975 from the University Bible Institute in Alma, Tennessee and his Bachelor of Theology in May of 1976 from McKinley Theological Seminary; and

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

WHEREAS, Rev. Minter, Sr. worked for many years with General Motors, where he served as Chief Union Steward; and

13

14

WHEREAS, Rev. Minter, Sr. was a member of the Greater Christian Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, serving as a deacon and as chairman of the board; in 1956, he became a member and manager of the Pilgrim Harmonizers quartet group, touring many cities singing the gospel; and

15

16

17

18

19

WHEREAS, Rev. Minter, Sr. became a licensed minister on January 25, 1970 and was ordained on December 6, 1970; in 1971, he accepted pastorage of the New Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist

20

21

1 Church; during his 43 years of leadership as pastor, he
2 implemented numerous programs and events such as a community
3 food pantry, hot meal program, community cookout, faith prayer
4 ministry, clothing ministry, sick committee, substance abuse
5 program, and a live broadcast ministry that has continued for
6 over 10 years; he has mentored over 20 pastors and ministers
7 that are currently preaching the gospel; and

8 WHEREAS, Rev. Minter, Sr. married Sis. Sandra Minter on
9 January 2, 1988, and he was awarded his Doctorate of Divinity
10 on November 10, 1989; he was awarded his Doctor of Humane
11 Letters from RMN Bible College on July 29, 2002; and

12 WHEREAS, Affectionately called "Nug" as a child, Rev.
13 Minter, Sr. enjoyed fishing and hunting; and

14 WHEREAS, Rev. Minter, Sr. was preceded in death by his
15 parents, and by his siblings, Henry, Sam, Willie, Leroy, Frank,
16 Ollie Pearl, and Percy Pearl; and

17 WHEREAS, Rev. Minter, Sr. is survived by his wife of 26
18 years, Sis. Sandra; his daughters, Vera Minter-Winbush and
19 Clevette; his son, Cleven, Jr.; his brother, Bishop Roosevelt
20 Adams; his sisters, Clara Mae and Dorothy; his mother-in-law,
21 Mildred Norwood; his grandchildren, Paul, Cameron, and
22 Cadence; his 3 great-grandchildren; his

1 great-great-grandchild; his friend, Dr. Mac McCullom; his
2 spiritual children of New Mount Vernon MBC; and a host of
3 nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we mourn the passing of Reverend Cleven Minter, Sr., and extend
7 our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who
8 knew and loved him; and be it further

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