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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 Pastor J.C. Coleman, Jr., who passed away on February 1, 2016 at the age of 70; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor J.C. Coleman, Jr. was born on September 25, 1945 in Catron, Missouri; his parents were J.C. Coleman, Sr. and Eupha Lee Branch Coleman; he moved to North Chicago with his parents at a very early age; he remained there through high school, where he played football and was a State champion wrestler; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating from high school, Pastor J.C. Coleman, Jr. immediately enlisted in the United States Army during the Vietnam era; he was honorably discharged in 1967; and

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WHEREAS, After his military service, Pastor J.C. Coleman, Jr. served Mt. Sinai Baptist Church faithfully as a Sunday school teacher for several years; he later moved his membership to Antioch Baptist Church under the pastorate of Reverend Perry, where he was ordained as a Deacon and later accepted his call into the ministry; he subsequently attended McKinley Theological Seminary, where he earned an associate's degree; and

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1 WHEREAS, Pastor J.C. Coleman, Jr. was a faithful member of
2 the New Era District for many years, serving as Secretary to 4
3 Moderators, including Reverend Blackwell, Reverend Lightfoot,
4 and currently Pastor Roberson; in 2006, he was called to serve
5 as Pastor at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church of Waukegan,
6 where he served faithfully until his passing; and

7 WHEREAS, Pastor J.C. Coleman, Jr. was an avid sportsman; he
8 continued playing football in the Army and on 2
9 semi-professional teams, the Lake County Rifles and the Racine
10 Raiders; he also spent many years as a referee on the high
11 school level; and

12 WHEREAS, Pastor J.C. Coleman, Jr. loved his community and
13 was a community activist who never hesitated to speak up for
14 what he believed was right for the community; he supported and
15 remained active in his community, coaching football for Holy
16 Family School, helping to organize and coach the Flames for the
17 North Chicago Park District, and helping to coach football and
18 wrestling at North Chicago High School; he also organized and
19 coached track and field for the Park District and served for
20 one year as an assistant coach for the St. Joseph High School
21 of Kenosha Track and Field team, where he led the girls team to
22 victory at the Wisconsin state track meet for the first time in
23 the school's history; and

1 WHEREAS, Pastor J.C. Coleman, Jr. was a Boy Scout leader
2 for several years; he enjoyed teaching and working with young
3 people, fishing, hunting, and gardening; and

4 WHEREAS, Pastor J.C. Coleman, Jr. was preceded in death by
5 his parents; and

6 WHEREAS, Pastor J.C. Coleman, Jr. is survived by his
7 devoted wife, Inette Coleman, whom he married on August 12,
8 1967; his sons, Jarrod (Joyce) Coleman, Courtney (Abby) Johns,
9 Ryan Eatmon, and Javontay Connor; his daughters, Cydney (Eric)
10 Matthews, Pamela (Trevor) Daly, Kristal (Robert) Cross, and
11 Kathy (Nathaniel) Hall; his grandchildren, Patrick, Jarrod,
12 Jonathan, Pierce, and Joyce Coleman, Brianna, Amber, and Erica
13 Mathews, Leila Eatmon, Nicholas and Madisen Daly, and Kennedy
14 Elise Hall; his brothers, Michael (Margaret) Coleman, Willie
15 (Melinda) Coleman, Dennis (Cheryl) Coleman, and Gerald
16 (Cheryl) Coleman; his sisters, Pauline (Joe) Flowers and Betty
17 Dean Jones; and his many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other
18 relatives, and friends; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
21 family and friends, mourn the passing of Pastor J.C. Coleman,
22 Jr.; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Pastor J.C. Coleman, Jr. as an
3 expression of our sympathy.