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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 Robert Baxter "Bobby" Evans Sr. of Waukegan, who passed away at the age of 77; and

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WHEREAS, Reverend Evans was born in Waukegan to Raymond J. Sr. and Willie Lee Evans on March 3, 1940; he graduated from Waukegan High School in 1958 and married Trudy Joyce Barber on March 4, 1961; and

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WHEREAS, Reverend Evans had a successful career at United Insurance Company of America for 25 years; he was also First Ward Alderman for the City of Waukegan for 21 years; and

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WHEREAS, Reverend Evans was a member of the First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as clerk, trustee, and member of the ministerial staff; he was affectionately known as "Dad", "Uncle Bob", and "Mayor of the Southside"; he will always be known as the voice of the African American community in the City of Waukegan; and

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WHEREAS, Reverend Evans was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Trudy; his parents; his sisters, Vera Evans, Dorothy Fields, Nora Jean Evans, and Patricia Edwards; and his brothers, Dale Evans, Raymond J. Evans Jr., Dewayne Evans, and

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1 Jimmy Sims; and

2 WHEREAS, Reverend Evans is survived by his children, Rhonda
3 L. Evans, Robert B. (Joanne) Evans Jr., Rochelle M. Evans, and
4 Tonia L. (Martin) Yancy; his grandchildren, Dontae Uzzle,
5 Darnell Uzzle, William D. Longmire, William (LaShonda) Gipson
6 Sr., Shantelle M. Evans, ShaRhonda L. Evans, Shaneka N. Price,
7 Robert B. Evans III, Adam L. Evans Sr., Patrice A. Sims, David
8 E. Daniels, Richard B. (Sade) Dantzler Jr., Richelle M.
9 (Xavier) Kelley, Jaki L. Turner, and Gordon L. Brown; 29
10 great-grandchildren; his sisters, Bette M. Thomas, Juanita L.
11 Brown, Joice E. Evans, Missouri Meyers, and Estella M. Evans;
12 his bothers, Daniel L. Evans Sr. and James E. Evans Sr.; and a
13 host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and godchildren; therefore,
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Reverend Robert Baxter "Bobby" Evans Sr., and extend our
18 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
19 and loved him; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Reverend Evans as an expression of
22 our deepest sympathy.