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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Bishop Eddie A. Morgan on Friday, March 10, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Bishop Morgan was born on August 19, 1919, in Little Rock, Arkansas, to Willie and Beatrice Hill Morgan; he was married to Irene "Sugar" Morgan for 50 years; she preceded him in death; and

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WHEREAS, Bishop Morgan leaves a legacy of ministry; he was a former pastor of a Church of the Living God in East St. Louis for 13 years; he later became pastor of the Church of the Living God C.W.F.F. Temple #46 in Decatur, where he served for 44 years, retiring nearly three years ago; and

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WHEREAS, He served his congregation and community with leadership; during his time of dedicated service, more than 18 men and women became ordained or received credentials as ministers, evangelists, or missionaries; he inspired the building of the existing edifice on Franklin Street, and the mortgage was burned in 1989; and

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WHEREAS, As a civil rights leader, he was committed to equal rights and justice; he fought hard to get jobs for others in work places that often did selective hiring; in the 1960s, he and a few other leaders supported Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by leading marches in Decatur; and

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WHEREAS, Bishop Morgan was frequently asked to serve on committees; he served on the Mental Health Board, the Board of Consumer Credit Management, the YMCA Board of Directors, and many more boards; he was an active member of the Ministers Alliance; he served as the presiding Bishop over the Seventh Dioceses: Kansas, Western Missouri, Nebraska, and Colorado;

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2 WHEREAS, In recognition of the fruits of his labor and
3 leadership, numerous organizations bestowed honors upon him; a
4 few of his honors included the NAACP Joe Slaw Civil Rights
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6 Service Award, the YMCA Board of Directors Award, the Church of
7 the Living God District #7 Recognition, a Certificate of
8 Appreciation from the Illinois Department of Corrections, and a
9 Certificate of Recognition from Benedict College in Columbia,
10 South Carolina; and

11 WHEREAS, The passing of Bishop Morgan has been deeply felt
12 by many, especially his brothers, Nathaniel (Susie) Morgan,
13 James Morgan, Leslie Morgan, and Samuel (Gwendolyn) Morgan; his
14 sisters, Willie Mae Walker and Clarice (Rudolph) Lewis; and a
15 host of nieces and nephews; in addition to his wife, he was
16 preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Dr. Otis Morgan
17 and Leroy Morgan; and his sister, Beatrice Morgan; therefore,
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
21 Bishop Eddie A. Morgan, and we extend our sincere condolences
22 to his family, congregation, friends, and all who knew and
23 loved him; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
25 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
26 sympathy.