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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 Sherman R. Brewer of Edwardsville, who passed away on May 4, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Sherman R. Brewer was born on May 29, 1941 in Memphis, Tennessee; his parents were Sherman Brewer and Lorraine Finley; he married Diane Brewer on December 30, 1966; and

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WHEREAS, Sherman R. Brewer earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Eastern Illinois University; he received a certification as a School Business Official and earned significant credits towards his Doctoral degree at Southern Illinois University; he retired from the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services as a Regional Contract manager and had previously been the Regional Assistant Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration; and

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WHEREAS, Sherman R. Brewer loved the Lord and the Word of God and was a faithful member of Christ's Apostolic Temple; he studied his Bible daily and faithfully attended Bible Class and church service; he was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and was filled with the Holy Spirit in Des Moines, Iowa; and

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1 WHEREAS, Sherman R. Brewer was known by all who knew him as
2 an unselfish, giving, loving, comical, and caring man who
3 always tried to give helpful words of wisdom to whomever would
4 listen; he was a great husband and father who always strove to
5 provide the best for his family and for adopted family members,
6 often sacrificing his own needs; many others looked up to him
7 as a father and he was always up to the task, providing love,
8 direction, embracing people and making them feel welcome; he
9 was a man of great character and principle, always a champion
10 of doing what is right no matter how great the opposition; and

11 WHEREAS, Sherman R. Brewer was preceded in death by his
12 father, Sherman Brewer; his stepfather, James O. Finley; and
13 his sister, Shirley Brewer Washington; and

14 WHEREAS, Sherman R. Brewer is survived by his wife, the
15 Assistant to the Presiding Bishop, General Superintendent Dr.
16 Diana M. Brewer; his sons, Bishop Jason C. (Deanna) Brewer and
17 Jordan Brewer; his daughter, Elect Lady Traci S. (Eric)
18 Daniels; his grandchildren, Corissa, Jalyne Brewer, and
19 Christina Brewer; his mother, Lorraine Finley; his brother,
20 James A. Finley; his mother-in-law, Dorothy Scales; his
21 sisters-in-law, Chestine Dean, Blean Brown, and Alethea
22 Christian; and his brother-in-law, William Scales; he was also
23 a surrogate father to Ronald Dion Knight, Alethea Brown, Athena
24 Brown, Alena Brown, and Odell and Patricia Lowe; therefore, be

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2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
4 his family and friends, the passing of Sherman R. Brewer; and
5 be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Sherman R. Brewer as an expression
8 of our sympathy.