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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 Farries "Mickey" Henry Morrison, Jr. of Springfield, who passed away on January 5, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on March 24, 1941, in Springfield, the eldest child of Reverend Farries H. Sr. and Mother Margaret Iola Morrison; he graduated from Springfield Feitshans High School in 1959; he earned a basketball scholarship to Western Illinois University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in English and Journalism; he earned a Master of Arts in Education Administration from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale; and

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WHEREAS, He worked for Springfield School District 186 for 38 years and retired from the District in 2000, after serving for 23 years as the assistant principal at Springfield High School; and

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WHEREAS, He was an ordained elder in the Church of God in Christ, serving as assistant pastor and later as pastor of Prayer Wheel Church of God in Christ; he also served as pastor of Bethel Church of God in Christ in Bermuda; he remained a lifetime member of Prayer Wheel Church of God in Christ,

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1 currently pastored by his nephew, Reverend Juan L. Morrison,  
2 Jr., and was a member of Emmanuel Temple Church of God in  
3 Christ, pastored by his brother, Reverend Juan L. Morrison,  
4 Sr., Ph.D.; and

5 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents and his  
6 sister, Margaret Ann Morrison; and

7 WHEREAS, Farries "Mickey" Henry Morrison, Jr. leaves  
8 behind his devoted wife of nearly 20 years, Betty Joe (Owens);  
9 his brother, Reverend Juan L. Morrison, Sr., Ph.D.  
10 (Clementine); his children, Lisa L. McClanahan (Hertis),  
11 Farries H. Morrison, III (Nancy), Yvette A. Morrison (Steven  
12 Williams), Michelle R. Casey (Ezra), Harold Hughes-Osby,  
13 Michael J. Morrison (Stephanie), Margaret M. Morrison, Mia A.  
14 Morrison, and Morrio Morrison (Natasha); his 18 grandchildren;  
15 his past wives, Carolyn Toney (Risby) and Reba Morrison  
16 (Reese); his step-children, Rodney D. Blackmon, Lytra R.  
17 Wilson, Shawn A. Blackmon (Shana), Kimberly Blackmon-Kouakeu,  
18 and Edgar Blackmon (Melanie); and his 15 step-grandchildren;  
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
22 his friends and family, the passing of Farries "Mickey" Henry  
23 Morrison, Jr.; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Farries "Mickey" Henry Morrison, Jr.  
3 as a symbol of our sincere sympathy.