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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 Arthur J. Guyton, Sr. of Peoria, who passed away on January 12, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Arthur Guyton, Sr. was born on April 8, 1936 in Blytheville, Arkansas; his parents were Marshell and Fannie (nee Clark) Guyton; he attended school in Blytheville, Arkansas; and

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WHEREAS, Arthur Guyton, Sr. graduated from the Walther Theological Seminary and attended branch extension classes in Monroe, Louisiana, where he earned several degrees; and

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WHEREAS, Arthur Guyton, Sr. retired from Caterpillar Inc. in Morton after 34 years of dedicated service; he also served in the jail ministry for 40 years and was the founder of Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, serving as pastor there for 16 years until his health failed; and

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WHEREAS, Arthur Guyton, Sr. held many positions with the Baptist Ministerial Alliance; he was a member of the Baptist Ministerial Alliance board and many other boards; and

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WHEREAS, Arthur Guyton, Sr. loved helping people, family

1 gatherings, and cooking; and

2 WHEREAS, Arthur Guyton, Sr. was preceded in death by his  
3 parents; 3 brothers; and 4 sisters; and

4 WHEREAS, Arthur Guyton, Sr. is survived by his wife of 58  
5 years, Lena (nee Ferguson) Guyton; 3 sons, Arthur (Georgetta)  
6 Guyton, Jr., Carey L. Guyton, and Stephen D. (Denise) Guyton; 3  
7 daughters, Margaret J. Guyton, Marnette Riley, and Lori T.  
8 (Pastor Harold, Jr.) Dawson; 4 brothers, Johnny (Lois) Guyton,  
9 Willie (Willie B.) Guyton, Dave (Emma) Guyton, and Thurmond  
10 Guyton; 5 sisters, Verlean Johnson, Bobbie Posey, Pauline  
11 Dodson, Mary Logan, and Thedosia Guyton; 21 grandchildren; 29  
12 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; 5 godchildren;  
13 and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends; therefore,  
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his  
17 family and friends, mourn the passing of Pastor Arthur J.  
18 Guyton, Sr.; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Arthur Guyton, Sr. as an expression  
21 of our sympathy.