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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 Minister Melvin "Bug" Jenkins, Sr., who passed away on March 1, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Melvin Jenkins, Sr. was born in Chicago to Essie and William Jenkins, Sr. on August 29, 1962, as a surprise addition to his twin, Marilyn Jenkins; and

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WHEREAS, Melvin Jenkins, Sr. attended Proviso East High School and served as a Cook County Forest Preserve District Officer for a number of years; and

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WHEREAS, Melvin Jenkins, Sr. also served in various capacities at Lively Stone Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago and at Garden of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church in Broadview; and

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WHEREAS, Melvin Jenkins, Sr. always found great joy in assisting and serving the lost, downtrodden, and broken in spirit; he could always be found ministering, singing, and wearing a warm and welcoming smile; and

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WHEREAS, Melvin Jenkins, Sr. enjoyed sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, bowling, attending concerts, traveling on cruise

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1 ships, spoiling his children and grandchildren, and weekly
2 dinners with his mother and siblings; and

3 WHEREAS, Melvin Jenkins, Sr. was preceded in death by, and
4 is now reunited with, his twin, Marilyn Jenkins; and

5 WHEREAS, Melvin Jenkins, Sr. leaves cherished memories to
6 his mother, Essie Jenkins; his father, Rev. William (Lula)
7 Jenkins, Sr.; his wife, Vivian Burley-Jenkins; his four
8 children, Taurean (Idelia) Rideau, Lasheena (Quintin)
9 Williams, Tramond Ingram, and Melvin Jenkins, Jr.; his
10 stepdaughter, Angela; his seven grandchildren, Taurean, Jr.,
11 Iyannah, Morgan, Johnathan, Brantson, Tramond, Jr., and
12 Tramine; his 12 siblings, William, Jr. (Diane), Eddie
13 (Patricia), Shirley (Robert), Marcell (Larry), Windol
14 (Josephine), Ivory, Arthur, Harold, Artarius, Jacqueline,
15 LaNisha, and Contrell (LenKisha); and a host of nieces,
16 nephews, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Minister Melvin "Bug" Jenkins, Sr., and extend our sincere
20 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
21 him; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Melvin Jenkins, Sr. as an expression
2 of our deepest sympathy.