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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 Reverend Shaughneysy Small Jr. of Springfield, who passed away on February 12, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Reverend Small Jr. was born in Alton to Dorothy (Burnett) and Shaughneysy Small Sr. on March 5, 1938; he attended school in Alton and later moved to Battle Creek, Michigan; he committed to his faith at the age of 21; he married Ruth Ann Penny in Battle Creek, Michigan on December 1, 1956; and

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WHEREAS, Reverend Small Jr. worked at the Veteran's Medical Center in Battle Creek, Michigan; he later moved to Springfield and was employed by the Springfield Mass Transit District for over 29 years; he retired in 1997; and

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WHEREAS, In 1965, Reverend Small Jr. began serving as a pastor and later as an evangelist; he became an ordained Church of God minister in 1977; he was the senior pastor of the Capital City Church of God for 20 years; he diligently pursued training in biblical studies and effective church leadership; and

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WHEREAS, Reverend Small Jr. was active in the community,

1 promoting greater race relations and objecting to policies that  
2 were detrimental to the community; he was a longtime member of  
3 the Springfield Ministerial Alliance; and

4 WHEREAS, Reverend Small Jr. was preceded in death by his  
5 parents; his brother, William Small; and his sister, Consuella  
6 Small; and

7 WHEREAS, Reverend Small Jr. is survived by his wife, Ruth  
8 Ann; his son, Gregory (Keena) Small, Jonathon (Darcel) Small,  
9 David Small, Benjamin (Laura) Small, Matthew (Jayme) Small,  
10 Josiah (Kim) Small, and Shaughneysy Small III; his brother,  
11 Wesley Eugene (Shirley) Small; his sisters, Alice Burnes,  
12 Shirley Thomas, Janet Williams, Rosemary (Terry) Ransom, and  
13 Jeanette Smith; his stepbrother, Ivory Lee; his stepsister,  
14 Constance Lang; his sister-in-law, Dee Small; his uncles,  
15 Lorenzo Small and John Wesley Small; his aunts, Ruth Gilchrese  
16 and Augusta Coleman; and his many grandchildren,  
17 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends;  
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
21 Reverend Shaughneysy Small Jr. and extend our sincere  
22 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
23 him; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Reverend Shaughneysy Small Jr. as an  
3 expression of our deepest sympathy.