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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 Larry Chappelle Thomas, who passed away on September 2, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Thomas was born to Faith Verdine McMichael and Alfred Thomas in Chicago on December 19, 1951; he attended various elementary schools and then Marshall High School; he married Marlita Thomas on September 23, 2003; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Thomas began working with his stepfather in the construction industry at the age of 17; he became an expert bricklayer and tuck pointer before retiring in 2013; after retirement, he went to work for Monument of Faith Evangelistic Church, serving as a member of its Security Force until 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Thomas was a member of the same church for over 20 years, where he sang in the choir and was a member of the Praise Team; he became a member of the Church On Fire International in October 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Thomas and his wife sang at different churches, weddings, and other venues, including singing the "Star Spangled Banner" for Dr. Mildred C. Harris at the God

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1 First Ministries Heavenly Breakfast in May 2019; and

2 WHEREAS, Larry Thomas loved reading and singing; and

3 WHEREAS, Larry Thomas was preceded in death by his mother;
4 his stepfather, George Preston; his aunt, Dorothy Lambert; his
5 son, Shon London; and his stepson, Norman Smith Jr.; and

6 WHEREAS, Larry Thomas is survived by his wife; his uncle,
7 James McMichael; his aunt, Betty Jo Collins; his cousin,
8 Brandon Collins; his stepbrother, Johnny Green; his daughter,
9 Shanna (Joseph) Minors Brantley; his stepdaughters, Shania
10 (Lexis) White and Christina (Karl) Smith Williams; his
11 stepsons, Nathanael Stubbs and George Stubbs; his
12 grandchildren, Lashandra Davis, Joseph Brantley, and Musiq
13 Brantley; his great-granddaughter, Solora Davis; his
14 step-grandchildren, Stephon White, Stephen White, Aariah White,
15 and Angel Smith; his Church on Fire International family; his
16 Monument of Faith Evangelistic Church family; and a host of
17 other relatives and friends; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Larry Chappelle Thomas and extend our sincere condolences to
21 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
22 further

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