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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 Elder Charles O. Nash Sr. of Champaign, who passed away on July 27, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Nash was born to Bonnie Ruth Nash Hunter and Detroy Carter in Philadelphia, Mississippi on August 6, 1949; he graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Philadelphia in 1967; he studied computer technology at Parkland College; he attended Charles Harrison Mason Bible College, where he received certificates in marriage, family, and Christian counseling and Old and New Testament biblical studies; he married Eloris Nash on April 30, 1976; he resided in the Champaign community for over 50 years; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Nash worked as a chemical analytical technician at Cabot Corporation in Tuscola for over 30 years; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Nash was the pastor of New Hope Church #1 in Champaign and the founder and overseer of New Hope Church #3 in Danville; he was called to ministry in 1977 under the leadership of Rev. Willie C. Manuel of Rising Star M. B. Church; he served as a deacon in charge of the local church in Champaign; over a period of time, he acquired a building to

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1 hold services, including Sunday Morning Worship services and  
2 Bible Study; he became the pastor of the church in Champaign in  
3 1980, which he renamed as New Hope Nondenominational before  
4 uniting with the Church of God in Christ (COGIC), Inc. in 1990;  
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6 WHEREAS, Charles Nash was the founder and superintendent  
7 of the Greater Hope District, COGIC, Inc.; he was also the  
8 administrative assistant of Region #3, Central Illinois  
9 Jurisdiction, to Bishop Designate Andrei V. Newbon,  
10 Jurisdictional Prelate; he served as president of the State  
11 Mission Department and director of the International Sunday  
12 School Department (ISSD) Men's Ministry of COGIC, Inc.; and

13 WHEREAS, Charles Nash was the founder of Religious Leaders  
14 for Community Care (RCC) and the New Hope Academy after-school  
15 tutorial program; he was elected as president of the  
16 Ministerial Alliance of Champaign-Urbana and Vicinity for the  
17 fourth time in 2017, serving each term for two years; he was a  
18 faithful member of the NAACP Champaign County Branch and,  
19 prior to his passing, he was invited to become a member on the  
20 MLK Board of Directors; and

21 WHEREAS, Charles Nash received many awards and was  
22 recognized nationally for his position in COGIC, Inc. and his  
23 local contributions, having served on numerous boards and

1 committees within the community; he was well known and loved  
2 by many; he encouraged people to work together, knowing that  
3 together we are better; and

4 WHEREAS, Charles Nash was preceded in death by his  
5 parents, King and Bonnie Ruth Hunter and Detroy and Cleo  
6 Carter; his sisters, Mary Ann Schuller, Elsie Lynn Hunter,  
7 Martha Ann Peebles, and Johnnie Ruth Hunter; and his brothers,  
8 Willie Nelson Hunter, Clifton Judon, Ira Harris, and Delars  
9 Carter; and

10 WHEREAS, Charles Nash is survived by his wife, National  
11 Evangelist Eloris "Elizabeth" Nash; his children, Juvious  
12 Michelle Thomas, Missionary Yolanda (Stanley) Nash Gardner,  
13 Corey (Constance) Nash, Jonathan Nash, Dr. Aza (Allen) Baylor,  
14 Anita "Naomi" (Todd) Nash-Rent, Charles (Sermeaka) Nash Jr.;  
15 30 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; seven sisters; five  
16 brothers; and a host of aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces,  
17 cousins, relatives, and friends; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
20 Elder Charles O. Nash Sr. and extend our sincere condolences  
21 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
22 it further

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