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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 Wendell E. Day Sr., who passed away on May 18, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor Day was born to Robert E. Day Sr. and Patria Coe Day-Thomas on July 2, 1942; he was raised in Springfield; he served in the U.S. Navy for four years; he married Diane Galbreath; he attended Lincoln Land Community College and Sangamon State University; he received his minister's license in 1974; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor Day worked as a supervisor and recruiter for R.C. Cola; he also worked at Southeast High School, where he improved student attendance through engagement strategies; he then served as an auditor at General Motors Acceptance Corporation before retiring in 1994; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor Day committed to his faith in 1967; he was ordained as a church elder in 1982; he established the Miracle Temple Church of God in Christ on November 4, 1984, serving as its pastor until his passing; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor Day was district superintendent of the Illinois Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction for 20 years; he

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1 also served as an administrative assistant to the late Bishop
2 Juan Morrison Sr.; and

3 WHEREAS, Pastor Day was regarded as the patriarch of the
4 Day family, and he loved organizing family reunions, Christmas
5 celebrations, and birthday gatherings; he enjoyed fishing,
6 track and field, and music; and

7 WHEREAS, Pastor Day offered humor and kindness to everyone
8 he met; he will be remembered for his legacy of unwavering
9 love, the hearts he touched, and the friendships he formed;
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11 WHEREAS, Pastor Day was preceded in death by his parents
12 and his siblings, Gloria Day Casey, Patrick Day, Dorothy
13 Jones, Patricia Hughes, and Robert Day; and

14 WHEREAS, Pastor Day is survived by his wife, Diane Day;
15 his sons, Wendell (Amy) Day Jr., Bryan (Sikiesha) Day, and
16 Bradley Day; his daughter, Apryl Day; nine grandchildren; five
17 great-grandchildren; his brothers, John Day, Louis Day, Harlan
18 Day, and Fred Day; his sister, Norma Graham; and a host of
19 family and friends; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Pastor Wendell E. Day Sr. and extend our sincere condolences
2 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Pastor Day as an expression of our
6 deepest sympathy.