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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 Jeffery Ivory Sr. of Peoria, who passed away on May 8, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Jeffery Ivory Sr. was born on November 20, 1933, in Gainesville, Alabama, and was raised in York, Alabama; his parents were John L. and Sephronia Ivory; he married Gladys Sturdivant on August 20, 1953, in Meridian, Mississippi; and

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WHEREAS, Jeffery Ivory Sr. retired from Allied and Hyster's Construction Companies in 1973 before being called to the pastorship; he served as Pastor of Grace Baptist Church for 40 years and directed the church's activities; during his leadership, the church grew to over 800 members; and

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WHEREAS, Jeffery Ivory Sr. was a past moderator of the Central District Association, past president of the Baptist Ministerial Alliance and the Central District Congress of Christian Education, and a member of the Peoria Christian Leadership Council; he was also a past board member of the Minority Affairs Council for the Illinois Department of Transportation for District 4, dedicated to improving minority participation for black contractors, and a past board member of the Central Illinois Black Expo; and

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1 WHEREAS, Jeffery Ivory Sr. enjoyed watching the Chicago
2 Cubs, fishing, and cooking; he also enjoyed spending time with
3 his wife, children, grandchildren, and church family; and

4 WHEREAS, Jeffery Ivory Sr. is preceded in death by his
5 parents; his son, Jeffery Ivory, Jr.; his daughter, Erica Dawn
6 Ivory; and his 3 brothers and 2 sisters; and

7 WHEREAS, Jeffery Ivory Sr. is survived by his beloved wife
8 of almost 60 years, Gladys Ivory; his sons, Ricky (Carolyn)
9 Ivory, Larry (Janis) Ivory, Rodney (Jennifer) Ivory, and Darren
10 Ivory; his daughters, Lorraine (William) Sephus, Teresa
11 (Lonnie) Hayes, Beverly (Eric) Cameron, and Ariel Ivory; his
12 sister, Marjorite Shelton; his 18 grandchildren; his 22
13 great-grandchildren; his 3 great-great-grandchildren; his
14 godson, Jamar Thomas; his many nieces, nephews, other
15 relatives, and friends; and his Grace Baptist Church family;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
19 his family and friends, the passing of Pastor Jeffery Ivory
20 Sr.; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Jeffery Ivory Sr. as an expression
2 of our sympathy.