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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of
4 Evangelist Sammie M. Turner; and

5 WHEREAS, Evangelist Sammie M. Turner was born in Shaw,
6 Mississippi to Queen Victoria Sellas and Willie Apperton on
7 September 4, 1936; she was baptized at Parker Chapel A.M.E.
8 Church; she received her education at McEvans Elementary
9 School and attended high school in Shaw, Mississippi, where
10 she played on the basketball team; she married Walter C.
11 Turner Jr.; and

12 WHEREAS, Evangelist Sammie M. Turner moved to Chicago in
13 1958; she continued her education at Loop Junior College and
14 then enrolled at the Moody Bible Institute; she received her
15 bachelor's degree in religious education from the GMOR
16 Theological Institute of America in August 2003; and

17 WHEREAS, Evangelist Sammie M. Turner retired from the City
18 of Chicago Park District, where she served as supervisor and
19 director of senior citizens at Seward Park; and

20 WHEREAS, Evangelist Sammie M. Turner joined Stranger Home
21 M.B. Church when she moved to Chicago and later moved her

1 membership to Union M.B. Church in 1959; she served with the
2 missions visiting nursing homes, prisons, and those in need;
3 she served with the beautifying committee and wherever she was
4 needed until her husband became pastor at Greater Faith M.B.
5 Church in 1984; she continued to help wherever she could as
6 first lady of Greater Faith M.B. Church; after the retirement
7 of her husband as a pastor, they joined New Spiritual Light
8 M.B. Church, under the leadership of her son, Rev. Dr. Walter
9 P. Turner III; and

10 WHEREAS, Evangelist Sammie M. Turner was active with the
11 national, district, and state conventions; she served as field
12 mission worker, a Bible teacher for the state and district,
13 and as president, secretary, and treasurer of the Baptist
14 Wives of Chicago Vicinity; she was a Bible teacher at the
15 Renaissance Nursing Home for over five years and ministered in
16 the Bahamas; and

17 WHEREAS, Evangelist Sammie M. Turner enjoyed following
18 sports, especially tennis and the Chicago Bulls; and

19 WHEREAS, Evangelist Sammie M. Turner was preceded in death
20 by her husband, Walter; her son, Clinton; her grandson,
21 Kenneth Jr.; her parents; her brother, Willie Jr.; and her
22 sister, Josephine; and

1 WHEREAS, Evangelist Sammie M. Turner is survived by her
2 children, Mamie (Raybon), Pastor Walter (Lynne), Charnell,
3 Arnetta (Terry), and Kenneth; her cousin/son, Jerome
4 (Samella); 17 great-grandchildren and three
5 great-great-grandchildren; her nieces, Vickie and Linda; her
6 nephews, Wayne, Michael, Paul, Daryl, and Steven; her special
7 cousins, Jazie Bell (Willie) and Anna Belle Williams; her
8 God-daughters, Pamela Crawford, Ebony Woodard, and April
9 Woodard; her special God-daughter, Shannon Smith; her chosen
10 daughter, Cynthia Taylor; her spiritual daughter, Wylinda
11 Williams; her special cousins, Samella Hargro, Dr. Yvonne
12 Gillie-Wallace, and Barbara and Barry Thomas; her guardian
13 angels, Tamika Williams and Sylvia Witt; her One Hundred and
14 Eighth Place Crew, Diane, Steve, Jenny, Bonita, and Jerry; and
15 numerous other nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, friends,
16 and more; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we mourn the passing of Evangelist Sammie M. Turner and extend
20 our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who
21 knew and loved her; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
23 presented to the family of Evangelist Sammie M. Turner as an
24 expression of our deepest sympathy.