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SENATE RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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WHEREAS, Evangelist Turner joined Stranger Home M.B.  
19 Church when she moved to Chicago and later moved her  
20 membership to Union M.B. Church in 1959; she served with the  
21 missions visiting nursing homes, prisons, and those in need;

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

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

15 WHEREAS, Evangelist Turner enjoyed following sports,  
16 especially tennis and the Chicago Bulls; and

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

21 WHEREAS, Evangelist Turner is survived by her children,  
22 Mamie (Raybon), Pastor Walter (Lynne), Charnell, Arnetta

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

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

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