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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Reverend
Michael K. Jones.

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2 Michael K. Jones.

3 *Whereas, Michael K. Jones, senior pastor of Progressive*
4 *Baptist Church, died on Tuesday, July 26, 2016, at the age of*
5 *52;*

6 *Whereas, Reverend Jones was born on January 4, 1964, in*
7 *St. Paul, Minnesota, to Parenthia and Sam H. Jones, a local*
8 *civil rights activist and former president of the Indianapolis*
9 *Urban League;*

10 *Whereas, Raised in Indianapolis, Reverend Jones*
11 *graduated from Park Tudor High School and Harvard*
12 *University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in*
13 *Economics;*

14 *Whereas, In 1994, Reverend Jones received a Master of*
15 *Divinity degree from Christian Theological Seminary and*
16 *began serving as senior pastor of Progressive Missionary*
17 *Baptist Church in Indianapolis;*

18 *Whereas, In addition to serving as senior pastor of*
19 *Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, Reverend Jones was*
20 *the host of "Community Connection," a daily talk show on*
21 *AM 1310, a position held by Amos C. Brown III before his*
22 *death;*

23 *Whereas, A hard working pastor and community leader,*
24 *Reverend Jones served in several social and civic capacities,*



1 *including as team chaplain for the Indiana Pacers, adjunct*
2 *homiletics professor at Christian Theological Seminary,*
3 *co-chair of the Race Relations Leadership Network, board*
4 *member of National City Community Development*
5 *Corporation, and special lecturer to the Baptist Ministers*
6 *Alliance of Indianapolis and Vicinity;*

7 *Whereas, A tireless worker for civil rights and social*
8 *justice, Reverend Jones tried to meet people at their place of*
9 *need;*

10 *Whereas, Reverend Jones was devoted to numerous social*
11 *issues but focused primarily on education and the*
12 *improvement of police and community relations;*

13 *Whereas, Reverend Jones authored two books, "Lord,*
14 *Teach Me to Pray: Exposing the Power and Practice of*
15 *Daily Prayer" and "Abundant Relationships," as well as two*
16 *R&B/smooth jazz albums, "Loving You" and "Smooth*
17 *Sailing"; and*

18 *Whereas, Reverend Michael K. Jones spent his life helping*
19 *others, and his death has left a void that will never be filled:*
20 *Therefore,*

21 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*
22 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
23 *the Senate concurring:*

24 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly expresses its
25 sincere condolences to the family of Reverend Michael K. Jones and
26 acknowledges his great contributions to Indianapolis, the state of
27 Indiana, and the nation.

28 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
29 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of
30 Reverend Michael K. Jones.

