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HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Bishop Kenneth Lydell Robinson Sr. passed away on Sunday, April 12, 2026, in Little Rock, Arkansas, at the age of sixty-one (61); and

WHEREAS, Bishop Robinson was a pastor, singer, musician, radio personality, and businessman active in Central Arkansas throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Robinson was the son of Ulysses Robinson Jr. and Lee Ella Robinson, and Bishop Robinson grew up in the McAlmont community of North Little Rock; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Robinson's father, Ulysses Robinson Jr., was a pastor, radio announcer, and gospel music performer, and Bishop Robinson's parents raised him in church, which would have a large impact on the course of Bishop Robinson's life; and



WHEREAS, Bishop Robinson grew up surrounded by gospel music and developed a great love and expertise in that music, was a highly talented vocalist and instrumentalist, and could play organ, piano, and numerous other musical instruments; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Robinson preached his first sermon when he was eleven (11) years old and first became a pastor at the age of eighteen (18) when he led St. Stephens Baptist Church in Scott; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Robinson was referred to by Paul S. Morton, founder of the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International movement, as one (1) of the twelve (12) founding fathers of the movement; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Robinson was the senior pastor of Antioch Full Gospel Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, and was a member of the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International Council of Bishops, on which he served as the Northeast Central Regional Bishop, tending to parts of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, in February of 2026, Bishop Robinson celebrated fifty (50) years of ministry; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Robinson was the longtime host of Power Praise Gospel on KIPR 92.3 FM, the leader of the musical group "Bishop Kenneth Robinson & Chosen", and the founder and president of Robinson Mortuary; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Robinson was the visionary behind the Bishop Kenneth L. Robinson Music Convention, a board member of the Gospel Music Workshop of America, and Chairman of the Gospel Music Workshop of America Quartet Division; and

WHEREAS, Little Rock Mayor Frank Scott Jr. said of Bishop Robinson's passing that, "...[Bishop Robinson was] a visionary pastor, adept entrepreneur, gifted musician, and one of the founding fathers of the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International. His leadership, creativity,

and unwavering faith touched countless lives and strengthened the body of Christ."; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Robinson is survived by his wife of thirty-eight (38) years, Dr. Brenda Robinson, his children, Roderick, Kenbria, and Kenneth Jr., and his grandchildren, MaKensley, Karis, Kendall Jr., Morrison, Kenneth III, and Carter,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein, remember Bishop Kenneth L. Robinson Sr. and recognize his many contributions to the State of Arkansas and his local community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy be provided to Dr. Brenda Robinson and family by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.