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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 Jesse C. Bankston, Jr. of Waukegan, who passed away on June 10, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on January 20, 1944 in Waukegan and attended North Chicago public schools, where he excelled in athletics and received varsity letters in track, football, and basketball; after receiving an athletic scholarship he attended Yankton College in South Dakota, receiving his B.A. and All-American football honors as a fullback; he was inducted into the Yankton College Sports Hall of Fame in 2006; and

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WHEREAS, He taught and coached at North Chicago High School after college; he later entered the insurance field, working for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois, where he retired as a corporate officer after 35 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse Bankston, Sr., and Minnie (Branch) Bankston; and his siblings, Frederick Carl Bankston and Shirley Alemu; and

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WHEREAS, Jesse Bankston is survived by his wife, Zora (Pace); his son, Keith and daughter-in-law, Katheryn (Culbertson); his grandchildren, Reese and Jonathan Bankston;

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1 his sisters, Lenore Lane, Carolyn Newby, and Sharon Bankston;  
2 his brothers-in-law, Seleshi Alemu, and James and Henry Pace;  
3 as well as his aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews;  
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
7 his family and friends, the passing of Jesse Bankston, Jr.; and  
8 be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the family of Jesse Bankston, Jr. as a symbol of  
11 our sincere sympathy.