

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of
3 Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Eddie Albert
4 Jackson of East St. Louis on March 14, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson was born on May 10, 1919 in Sweet
6 Home, Arkansas; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson received his elementary and
8 secondary education at St. Bartholomew Catholic School in
9 Little Rock, Arkansas; after his high school graduation, he
10 enrolled in Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana, but
11 his college education was interrupted with the outbreak of
12 World War II, when he enlisted in the Army and served in the
13 Pacific theatre; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1942, he united in marriage to Miss Izora
15 Wilder and to this union five children were born; and

16 WHEREAS, After Mr. Jackson's discharge from the Army, he
17 enrolled at St. Louis University and received his degree; he
18 began a career in education that spanned more than 36 years;
19 he was a retired East St. Louis District 189 elementary
20 school principal; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson was a dedicated member of the St.
22 Joseph Church Usher Board, the Knights of Columbus, the St.
23 Vincent de Paul Society, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; and
24 he was a past president of the East St. Louis Library Board;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson's passing will be deeply felt by
27 many, especially his brother, Houston Holliday; his two
28 sisters, Agnes and Catherine Holliday; his three daughters,
29 Alsandyra Essien, Carmen Lankster, and Janet Jackson; his son
30 and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Ernest and Linda Jackson; his five
31 grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Umana and Dawn Essien, Iko

1 Essien, Edward, and Alan Lankster; his aunt and uncle, Eddie
2 and Rosvelyn Langford; his aunts, Susie Weaver and Mildred
3 Langford; and his many nieces, nephews, cousins, church
4 members, and friends; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson was preceded in death by his
6 parents, Ernest and Prosser Jackson; his brother, Ivory
7 Jackson; his wife, Izora; and his daughter, Cecelia Ann;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of
11 Eddie Albert Jackson along with all who knew and loved him
12 and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends,
13 and community; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Eddie Albert Jackson with our
16 deepest sympathy.