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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to  
3 learn of the death of Jacoby Dickens of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Jacoby Dickens was born in Panama City, Florida,  
5 in 1932; he and his family moved to Chicago's south side early  
6 in his childhood; he graduated from Wendell Phillips High  
7 School and went into business as a real estate developer in the  
8 same south side neighborhoods where he was raised; and

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WHEREAS, Jacoby Dickens would purchase, renovate, and  
11 lease apartment buildings in Chicago; during the height of his  
12 success he managed more than 100 apartments; in 1971, he sold  
13 his real estate holdings and purchased several bowling alleys  
14 in Chicago and began running those; while running the bowling  
15 alleys, he joined the board of Seaway National Bank, one of the  
16 largest African American-owned financial institutions in the  
17 country; he joined Seaway National in 1979 as vice-chairman and  
became chairman in 1983; and

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WHEREAS, Jacoby Dickens has distinguished himself with his  
philanthropic efforts; he designed a loan and scholarship  
program at DePaul University named in his honor and has donated  
more than \$1 million to Chicago State University; on December  
7, 1995, the Chicago State University Physical Education and

1 Athletics Building was renamed the Jacoby D. Dickens Physical  
2 Education and Athletics Center; and

3 WHEREAS, Jacoby Dickens embodied the spirit of Chicago  
4 State University; he valued education and dedicated himself to  
5 helping the university achieve its mission to help students; he  
6 had extensive involvement with many aspects of the university,  
7 including serving on the board of trustees for the university  
8 and the board of directors of the Chicago State University  
9 Foundation; his commitment to education will live on in The  
10 Jacoby Dickens Endowment Fund, which provides scholarships to  
11 multiple students annually, allowing these students to more  
12 easily afford higher education; and

13 WHEREAS, Jacoby Dickens's is survived by his wife, Veranda,  
14 and all the Dickens family; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
17 Jacoby Dickens, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
18 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Jacoby Dickens as an expression of  
22 our deepest sympathy.