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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 D. Madison of Chicago, who passed away on August 8, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Jesse Madison was born on January 1, 1939 in Memphis, Tennessee; he graduated from Manassas High School in 1956 and moved to Chicago where he attended Wilson Junior College and Roosevelt University; he received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with a major in Accounting, in 1969; and

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WHEREAS, Jesse Madison had a career in accounting and management which spanned 15 years; he was serving as Deputy Director of the Chicago Economic Development Corporation when he launched a career in politics when he was elected to the Illinois General Assembly as a State Representative in 1974; he served 2 terms in the State legislature, and received the 1976 "Best Legislator" Award from the Independent Voters of Illinois; he returned to his management career in 1978, first as Executive Director of United Christian Community Services, and then as Vice-President of Finance and Administration for the Chicago Urban League; and

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WHEREAS, Jesse Madison was appointed by Chicago Mayor

1 Harold Washington as his first Commissioner of Consumer
2 Services for the City of Chicago; 3 years later, Mayor
3 Washington tapped him as the first African-American ever
4 appointed to the position of General Superintendent and Chief
5 Executive Officer of the Chicago Park District; he was
6 successful in guiding the Chicago Park District through a
7 massive reorganization designed to professionalize a
8 department long mired in patronage abuse, service neglect, and
9 political corruption; he served as the Park District's Chief
10 Executive Officer until May of 1990; and

11 WHEREAS, Jesse Madison was a Board Member of the Illinois
12 Prisoner Review Board since 2004; previously, he was a Special
13 Assistant to State Senator Emil Jones, Jr., then-President of
14 the Illinois Senate; before that he was the President and Chief
15 Executive Officer of the Abraham Lincoln Centre, a
16 multi-faceted social service organization that operated
17 primarily on the south side of Chicago; and

18 WHEREAS, Jesse Madison's community activities spanned over
19 40 years, and included memberships in the Executive Club of
20 Chicago, the Black Executive Directors' Coalition, the
21 Illinois Child Welfare Advisory Council, and City Club of
22 Chicago; he also served as a commissioner and Chairman of the
23 Board of the Illinois African-American Family Commission for
24 over 10 years; and

1 WHEREAS, Jesse Madison was preceded in death by his
2 parents, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Madison, Sr., and 2 brothers,
3 Earnest and Walter, Jr.; and

4 WHEREAS, Jesse Madison is survived by his wife of 54 years,
5 Frances; 2 daughters, Shanlynn Broaders (Woodrow) and Tracey
6 Sanders (Darren); 2 granddaughters, Brittany Broaders and Bria
7 Broaders; one grandson, Jalen Sanders; and his siblings, Eugene
8 Madison (Ethel), Elsie Newton, and Edna Wiggins (Barry);
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Jesse D. Madison, and extend our sincere condolences to his
13 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Jesse Madison as an expression of
17 our deepest sympathy.