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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize James "Jimmy" Jones of Belleville for his many contributions to music and the arts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones is a seasoned professional entertainer with more than 40 years of experience in the music industry; he is also an accomplished author of "Sweet-Hot-Blue"; and

WHEREAS, From 1951 to 1954, Mr. Jones entertained the United States Troops in Guam and Japan with the "Just Rhythm Show"; and

WHEREAS, Upon returning home in 1954, he began his career with Jimmilyn Records in Belleville, a full service recording company; he is the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer and provides his management experience in studio production; he has worked with such recording artists as the late Tab Smith, and gospel singer, Mahalia Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones taught music theory and arranging at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville for two years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones has been married to his wife, Mrs. Nancy L. Jones, for 25 years; they have 8 foster children, Lakia, Latricia, Chantay, Timyra, Christopher, Joshua, Keontee, and Donte'; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones and his family are faithful members of St. Henry Catholic Church in Belleville; and

WHEREAS, A special tribute will be held at the East St. Louis Senior High School Auditorium on June 27, 2004 in honor of James "Jimmy" Jones's dedication and his many years of

1 inspiring leadership as a recording artist, musician,  
2 composer, writer, singer, and publisher; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
5 recognize James "Jimmy" Jones and his devotion to the music  
6 industry; and we wish him well in all his future endeavors; and  
7 be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to James "Jimmy" Jones as a token of our admiration.