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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Haywood Jones Jr. on June 20, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones was born on November 2, 1938, to Haywood Jones Sr. and Mentie Fitts in Holly Springs, Mississippi; he was the eldest son of nine children; he attended Doolittle Elementary and Dunbar High School; he married Dorothy Mellon in 1970 and focused on the upbringing of his five children; his main goal in life was to always provide and nurture his family in a righteous manner; and

WHEREAS, In the winter of 1981 he began studying the Bible with Jehovah's Witnesses; after his first study with his family, he continued leading his family consecutively on a weekly basis in a family Bible study; one of his greatest accomplishments was being baptized as a Minister of Jehovah God's organization; and

WHEREAS, He was a man who stood for respect, honor, dignity, integrity, and for quality of life; he was a very candid man; his goal was to preach and teach to whomever he came into contact with about Jehovah's Will; he became a changed and better person for his family, friends, and for himself; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Haywood Jones Jr. has been deeply felt by many, and he will forever and proudly be missed by his loving and devoted wife, Dorothy; his children, Bernadette, Delwyn, Patrice, Kimberly, and Rhonda; his grandchildren, Banisha, Ashley, Taylor, Sandra, Sommer, Tiara, Diamond, Alexis, Tamron, and Tamyah; his siblings, Verlene, Jane, Celestine, Martina, and Alvin; his sons-in-law, John and Fred; and a host of other family, friends, and spiritual brothers and

1 sisters; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Haywood Jones Jr., and we extend our sincere condolences to his
5 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
9 sympathy.