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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson Sr. on the occasion of his 65th anniversary as a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Jackson, a native of Greenville, South Carolina and a longtime Chicago resident, pledged Omega Psi Phi through the Pi Psi Chapter at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in the spring of 1960; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Jackson's initiation into Omega Psi Phi marked the beginning of a lifetime commitment to the fraternity's cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 65 years, Rev. Jackson has exemplified these principles as one of the most enduring and impactful civil rights leaders of our time, serving as a top aide to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., founding the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, advocating for economic and social justice across the globe, and twice seeking the presidency of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Jackson has remained a proud and active

1 brother of Omega Psi Phi, embodying the fraternity's highest
2 ideals while inspiring generations of members and citizens
3 alike; and

4 WHEREAS, Rev. Jackson is an outstanding citizen of
5 Illinois whose commitment to service, leadership, and justice
6 has left an indelible mark on the State, the nation, and the
7 world, and it is fitting and proper to recognize the
8 extraordinary milestone of his 65th anniversary and honor his
9 life, legacy, and leadership as one of Omega Psi Phi's most
10 distinguished sons; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate the Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson Sr. on the
14 65th anniversary of his membership in Omega Psi Phi
15 Fraternity, Inc., and we commend his decades of visionary
16 service to humanity, rooted in the same ideals he embraced as a
17 young man of Omega Psi Phi; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Rev. Jackson as an expression of our esteem and
20 respect.