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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Jacoby
4 Dickens of Fisher Island, Florida, formerly of Chicago and
5 Olympia Fields; and

6 WHEREAS, After moving to Chicago in 1946, Jacoby Dickens
7 attended Wendell Phillips High School on the South Side; and

8 WHEREAS, Jacoby Dickens was a longtime resident of Chicago;
9 he began his career at the Chicago Board of Education and
10 demonstrated an entrepreneurial flair that earned him the
11 distinction as one of the nation's most admired business
12 leaders; and

13 WHEREAS, Jacoby Dickens was elected to the Board of the
14 Seaway Bank and Trust Company in 1979; he served as Vice
15 Chairman of the board before becoming Chairman in 1983; and

16 WHEREAS, Jacoby Dickens was well known as a champion for
17 the African-American and civic communities; his deep
18 involvement with the community shaped his work at Seaway, where
19 he helped implement the opening of bank branches in otherwise
20 underserved areas of the city, including his own South Side of
21 Chicago; he focused on growing new businesses through loans,

1 outreach, and community development programs; he also
2 supported local churches and mentoring programs, sponsoring
3 African-American teenagers through high school and college;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Jacoby Dickens served as chairman of the Committee
6 to Elect Harold Washington and as a Commissioner of Economic
7 Development for the City of Chicago; he was a member of the
8 boards of the Chicago Urban League, Chicago State University
9 Foundation, and the School of Business at Florida A & M
10 University; he also served as a trustee at the Museum of
11 Science and Industry at DePaul University, where a
12 scholarship-and-loan program was named in his honor, and at
13 Chicago State University, to which he donated more than \$1
14 million; in 1995, the Physical Education and Athletics Building
15 at CSU was named for him; and

16 WHEREAS, Jacoby Dickens was listed among Chicago
17 Magazine's "20 Most Influential People in Chicago" and had been
18 inducted into the Chicago Business Hall of Fame; and

19 WHEREAS, Jacoby Dickens is survived by his loving wife of
20 15 years, Veranda Dickens; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
2 Jacoby Dickens; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Jacoby Dickens as an expression of
5 our sympathy.