

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly are
3 deeply saddened to learn of the death of Richard H. Newhouse,
4 Jr., who was a friend, colleague, mentor and trailblazer to
5 many with whom he served in the Illinois State Senate; and

6 WHEREAS, Richard H. Newhouse, Jr., was born January 24,
7 1924 in Louisville, Kentucky to Richard H. and Annie
8 Singleton Newhouse; and

9 WHEREAS He departed this world on Thursday, April 25,
10 2002; and

11 WHEREAS, He was educated in public schools in Louisville
12 and received both his bachelors and master's degrees from
13 Boston University and graduated from the University of
14 Chicago Law School with a Juris Doctorate; and

15 WHEREAS, He was a decoder for the U. S. Air Force
16 intelligence during World War II and was among the troops in
17 the Normandy invasion; he also served in the National Guard
18 from 1950 to 1952; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Newhouse began his distinguished law
20 career as legal counsel to the United States Department of
21 Housing and donated his considerable legal expertise to many
22 community groups in Chicago, including the Maremount
23 Foundation and the Community Renewal Society; and

24 WHEREAS, He married his beloved wife Katherine in 1958
25 and their union was blessed with three children, Suzanne,
26 Holly and Richard; and

27 WHEREAS, Richard H. Newhouse, Jr., was elected to the
28 Illinois Senate and served as State Senator from 1967 to
29 1991; he served as Assistant Majority Leader, retiring as the
30 Dean of the Senate; and

1 WHEREAS, During his 24 years in the Illinois Senate, he
2 served as the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce
3 and Economic Development, the Senate Committee on Higher
4 Education, the Senate Committee on Pensions, the Legislative
5 Advisory Committee on Public Aid, and the subcommittee on
6 Minority Concerns in Higher Education; and

7 WHEREAS, Senator Newhouse also served on the Senate
8 Committees on Elementary and Secondary Education,
9 Appropriations I and II, Revenue, and Consumer Affairs, and
10 served on the Senate Operations Commission; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Newhouse continually sought to open
12 doors and keep them open for others who came after him; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Richard Newhouse, Jr. founded and served
14 as Chairman of the Black Legislative Clearing House, which
15 became the National Black Conference of Black Legislators;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Newhouse will be forever known as the
18 trailblazer for minorities in Chicago politics because he
19 holds the distinction of being the first minority to run for
20 the office of Mayor of the City of Chicago; and

21 WHEREAS, Senator Newhouse's abilities and accomplishments
22 were reflected in his many prestigious roles and positions;
23 all of which he undertook with honor and dedication,
24 including his service as a Commissioner on the Education
25 Commission of the States, duties as the legal counsel for the
26 Chief Plaintiffs in the Chicago Ward District reapportionment
27 case, service on the Board of Directors of the Joint Center
28 for Political and Economic Studies, membership of the
29 Committees on Health and Human Resources and Arts, Tourism
30 and Cultural Resources in the National Conference of State
31 Legislatures, and most recently his service on the
32 exploratory committee for former Chicago Schools CEO Paul

1 Vallas in his bid for the Democratic nomination for Governor;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Newhouse was the originator of the very
4 successful Newhouse Architectural Competition for students in
5 Chicago Public High Schools, now in its 20th year; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Newhouse was also honored in 1991 by the
7 National Conference of Christians and Jews for his long
8 career of public service; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Newhouse is survived by his wife,
10 Katherine; children, Suzanne, Holly and Richard; and a sister
11 Eloise Frayser; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we mourn the passing
15 of Richard H. Newhouse, Jr., with his family and all those
16 who knew and loved him; and be it further

17 RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this joint resolution be
18 presented to the family of Richard H. Newhouse, Jr., with our
19 most heartfelt sympathies.