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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Jesse I. Elston Jr., who passed away on December 29, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Jesse Elston was born in Chicago to Jesse and Corrine Elston on August 1, 1946; while young, he was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Chicago and attended Forestville Elementary School; he graduated from Dunbar High School in Chicago; he served in the United States Navy and received an Honorable Discharge on January 10, 1969; he married Cassandra Ward Holbert in August 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Jesse Elston worked at the Calumet City Library;

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WHEREAS, Jesse Elston was a devoted and loving husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather, and friend; he loved his family, his work and church families, and all the Calumet City and Thornton Township community; he enjoyed bid whist, watching football, traveling whenever possible, and barbequing with his bottle of Hennessy VSOP Privilege Cognac and a can of Miller's next to him; and

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WHEREAS, Jesse Elston's love for others drove him to

1 always be there, whether volunteering for neighborhood or  
2 political events or delivering flowers and balloons on  
3 Valentine Day to the women at his job and throughout other  
4 areas of Calumet City; and

5 WHEREAS, Jesse Elston was preceded in death by his  
6 parents; and

7 WHEREAS, Jesse Elston is survived by his wife, Cassandra  
8 Elston; his sister, Jacqueline Rivera; his stepdaughter,  
9 Yolanda Charis Holbert; his daughters, Ericka (Terrell)  
10 Jackso, Jasmyne Frowner, Kellie Avery, Ericka Abraham, and  
11 Kaneesha Grooms; his sons, Roderick Elston, Marquette Elston,  
12 and Anthony Calloway; and numerous extended family members,  
13 friends, and community; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
16 Jesse I. Elston Jr. and extend our sincere condolences to his  
17 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Jesse Elston as an expression of our  
21 deepest sympathy.