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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 Vasco Lee  
4 Bridges Jr., who passed away on December 29, 2012; and

5           WHEREAS, Vasco Bridges Jr. was born on August 31, 1949, in  
6 Simpson County, Mississippi; his parents were Virgia Bridges  
7 Palmer and Vasco Lee Bridges Sr.; he spent his childhood  
8 between Simpson County, Mississippi and North Chicago; for the  
9 last 20 years, he lived in Madison, Mississippi with his loving  
10 wife of 32 years, Dr. Jo Lynn Polk Bridges; and

11           WHEREAS, Vasco Bridges Jr. graduated from North Chicago  
12 High School in 1967; he later went on to star as a track  
13 athlete at Bradley University; on February 14, 1976, he was  
14 inducted into the Bradley University Athletic Hall of Fame for  
15 his exploits in the 110-meter hurdles; while at Bradley, he was  
16 a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; and

17           WHEREAS, After graduating from Bradley in 1972, Vasco  
18 Bridges Jr. held various jobs before starting a 15-year career  
19 at United Airlines; he served in several managerial positions  
20 in Denver, Colorado and Chicago; he also embarked on several  
21 business ideas with his friends and family before launching  
22 JANO Justice Systems in 1989; he dedicated himself to this

1 enterprise from 1992 until his passing; and

2 WHEREAS, Vasco Bridges Jr. great passion was flying; he  
3 worked for many years on getting his pilot's license before  
4 finally becoming an instrument rated pilot in 2008; he flew  
5 anytime he could, both for work and pleasure, and was planning  
6 to buy his own airplane at the time of his passing; and

7 WHEREAS, Vasco Bridges Jr. is survived by his wife, Jo  
8 Lynn; his sons, Vasco Lee Bridges, III and Dr. Jason Peary  
9 Bridges; his sisters, Dr. Lela Annette Bridges-Webb and Cynthia  
10 Hardin; his brothers, Dr. Charlie Bridges and Stennis Bridges;  
11 and his many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and  
12 nephews; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of  
16 Vasco Lee Bridges Jr.; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Vasco Bridges Jr. as an expression  
19 of our sympathy.