

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson.

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MR. PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION memorializing Reverend Jesse
2 Louis Jackson.

3 *Whereas, Reverend Jesse Jackson, global civil rights*
4 *leader, Baptist minister, and two-time presidential candidate,*
5 *passed away on February 17, 2026, at the age of 84;*

6 *Whereas, Rev. Jackson received his bachelor's degree from*
7 *the Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina in*
8 *1964;*

9 *Whereas, Rev. Jackson studied at the Chicago Theological*
10 *Seminary and became a Baptist minister in 1968;*

11 *Whereas, Rev. Jackson went on to receive more than 40*
12 *honorary doctorate degrees;*

13 *Whereas, Rev. Jackson began his trail-blazing career as a*
14 *civil rights activist in 1960 by leading a sit-in that integrated*
15 *the Greenville, South Carolina, Library;*

16 *Whereas, Rev. Jackson was appointed by the Reverend*
17 *Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., to coordinate the Chicago*

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1 *Branch of Operation Breadbasket in 1966, an operation which*
2 *created 4,500 jobs into the Chicago African American*
3 *community during its six-year operation;*

4 *Whereas, Rev. Jackson became a vital advisor to Reverend*
5 *Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., during the height of the civil*
6 *rights movement which resulted in the passage of the Voting*
7 *Rights Act of 1965;*

8 *Whereas, Rev. Jackson went on to fulfill a lifelong battle for*
9 *civil rights, to include founding the People United to Serve*
10 *Humanity (PUSH) coalition in 1971 and the National Rainbow*
11 *Coalition in 1984, which later merged into the Rainbow PUSH*
12 *coalition in 1996;*

13 *Whereas, Rev. Jackson was a candidate in two presidential*
14 *campaigns in 1984 and 1988, running on a platform of equality*
15 *for all, gaining national support and breaking historical and*
16 *political barriers; and*

17 *Whereas, Rev. Jackson is survived by his wife, Jackie; six*
18 *children, Santita, Jesse Jr., Jonathan, Yusef, Jacqueline, and*
19 *Ashley; and his grandchildren: Therefore,*

20 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
21 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

22 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate memorializes
23 Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, an American icon.

24 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit
25 copies of this Resolution to Senator Lonnie Randolph.

