



1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 48

2 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General
3 Assembly recognize the accomplishments and contributions made
4 by exceptional officials and citizens of the State of
5 Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, In honor of the lasting legacy former Illinois
7 Secretary of State Jesse White made on the citizenry of the
8 State, the General Assembly wishes to recognize him with
9 naming a public building in his honor; and

10 WHEREAS, Jesse White was first elected Secretary of State
11 in 1998, becoming the first Black man and 37th individual to
12 hold this position in Illinois; during his 24-year tenure, he
13 maintained widespread popularity while working to improve
14 traffic safety, reducing teen driving deaths by 50%,
15 fortifying commercial truck driver standards, strengthening
16 DUI laws, and improving customer service through streamlined
17 operations and the use of innovative technology; he completed
18 his sixth term in January 2023, making him the longest-serving
19 Secretary of State in Illinois history; and

20 WHEREAS, Prior to serving as Secretary of State, Jesse
21 White served as the Cook County Recorder of Deeds, first being
22 elected in 1992 and then reelected in 1996; he previously

1 represented the 8th District in the Illinois House of
2 Representatives from 1975 to 1977 and 1979 to 1993; while in
3 office, he served on the Committees on Aging, Elementary &
4 Secondary Education, and Public Utilities, chaired the
5 Committee on Children and Human Services, and worked to fight
6 crime, improve education, and protect senior citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, Jesse White has made vital contributions of
8 service and merit to the State and its citizens, and he is
9 highly deserving of the honor to have his achievements noted
10 and remembered by current and future generations; therefore,
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
14 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the State of
15 Illinois Building at 115 S. LaSalle Street in Chicago as the
16 "Jesse White State of Illinois Building"; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
18 presented to Jesse White and the Director of Central
19 Management Services.