

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to
4 the family and friends of Donald Lee Jett, Sr., who passed
5 away on February 17, 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, Donald Lee Jett, Sr., affectionately known as
7 "Donnie", was the fifth of seven children born to the late
8 Will and Elizabeth Jett on December 12, 1944 in Chicago; he
9 was raised in the Princeton Park community; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Jett attended Gillespie elementary school
11 and Harlan High School in Chicago; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Jett was employed by U.S. Steel; he later
13 worked for the City of Chicago's Park District and the
14 Streets and Sanitation Department, where he was a dedicated
15 employee for 30 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Jett met Delores Webster in August 1977, and
17 they were united in holy matrimony on October 29, 1977 at
18 Acme Missionary Baptist Church; to this union, two children
19 were born, Donald L. Jett, Jr. and Danielle E. Jett; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Jett was a member of the Acme Missionary
21 Baptist Church, where he was baptized by the late Rev. S.L.
22 Sutton, Sr. in 1979; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Jett was an extremely enthusiastic and
24 energetic civic participant and professional; he contributed
25 to the registering, educating, and turnout of thousands of
26 voters; his efforts allowed for his community to realize the
27 true meaning of self-determination; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Jett was a friend to everyone he met, and he
29 was best known for his style of dress, his singing, his
30 steppin', and his pool shooting; and

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Donald Lee Jett, Sr. will be
2 deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his
3 loving and devoted wife of 24 years, Delores Jett; his
4 children, LaTrice D. Johnson, Doniecia L. Lattimore, Donald
5 L. Jett, Jr., and Danielle E. Jett-Smith; his son-in-law,
6 Korey L. Smith; his grandchildren, Lawrice Flowers, Narion
7 Lattimore, Ronyai Washington, Devon Smith, Donald L. Jett,
8 III, and Aaron Thompson; his goddaughter, Bobbie Anderson;
9 his sisters, Marjorie Pitts and Edith Walker; his twin
10 brother, Robert "Bobby" Jett; his sisters-in-law, Lynette
11 Johnson, Deloris Montgomery, Lausey Webster, Sharon Webster,
12 and Sheila Billingsly; his brothers-in-law, George Cox, Sr.,
13 Bruce Walker, Sr., Howard E. Montgomery, Zelworth Webster,
14 Sr., Leo D. Webster, Sr., and Eddie V. Billingsly, Jr.; his
15 mother-in-law, Lillie M. Johnson; and a host of nieces,
16 nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and friends;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we mourn, along with all who knew him, the death of Donald
21 Lee Jett, Sr. of Chicago, Illinois; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
23 presented to the family of Donald Lee Jett, Sr. with our
24 sincere condolences.