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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate are saddened to learn
3 of the death of Jasper Ford who passed away June 30, 2002;
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5 WHEREAS, Mr. Ford was the last child born of eleven
6 children on April 20, 1911, to Shephard Ford and Mattie
7 Walker in McCraven Hill, Mississippi; he received his formal
8 education and was baptized at an early age in McCraven; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Ford married Lona Mae Martin in Greenwood,
10 Mississippi, in his younger years and remained a caring and
11 dedicated husband; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Ford was a faithful member of Tabernacle
13 M.B. Church for over fifty years under the pastorate of
14 Reverend Dr. Louis Rawls; his passion was Sunday School, and
15 he was an avid Bible scholar; not only was Mr. Ford a Sunday
16 School teacher at Tabernacle, but he also shared his
17 Christian knowledge with others as a guest lecturer at other
18 church schools; he was a power house of wisdom; and

19 WHEREAS, Affectionately referred to as "Papa" by his
20 family and close friends, Mr. Ford will be deeply missed by
21 all those who knew him and loved him, especially his devoted
22 wife, Lona; his two daughters, Earnestine Ford and Bernice
23 (Walter) Singleton; his mother-in-law, Rosie Martin; his two
24 sisters-in-law, Betty (August) Anderson and Charity Dewitt;
25 his two brothers-in-law, attorney Bennie Martin and George
26 Johnson; his daughter-in-law, Laverne McDonald; his five
27 grandchildren, Alene Caldwell, Guy McDonald III, Shawna
28 Harrington, Brock Singleton, and Latasha McDonald; his
29 special care givers for whom he was quite fond, including
30 Latasha McDonald, Debra McGeachy and Brenda Covington; and a
31 host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other
32 relatives and friends, including Beatrice Brody; therefore,

1 be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
4 his family and friends, the passing of Jasper Ford; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Jasper Ford with our sincere
8 condolences.