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A RESOLUTION

In memory of the Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio were deeply saddened to learn of the death of the Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Nathaniel Jones' boundless compassion, remarkable humor, and selfless concern for the welfare of others distinguished him as an outstanding human being and a leading citizen. A lifelong member of the NAACP and a tireless advocate for justice and equality, he lived a truly remarkable life, and he proudly served our nation in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. In addition, he was the first African-American appointed assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, and he served as an assistant general counsel to President Lyndon B. Johnson's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders and a judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. His impact was not just limited to our country, for he served as an election observer for South Africa and helped the country craft its new constitution, and clearly, he was a dedicated public servant whose noteworthy career made a profound difference around the world; and

WHEREAS, Nathaniel Jones manifested those virtues we all seek to emulate, and the many accolades he received, including the Spingarn Medal and the International Freedom Conductor Award, reflect the respect he earned in life. He was an exemplary man, and it is certain that the world is a richer place for his having been in it. He will be sorely missed; and

WHEREAS, Giving of his time, energy, and abilities far beyond what was required or expected, Nathaniel Jones displayed exceptional civic concern and insight, and his personal sacrifices to his family, his friends, his community, and the State of Ohio will certainly live beyond him. The warmth and understanding that he so readily extended to others, including his five children, Stephanie, Pamela, Rick, William, and Marc, and his eight grandchildren, will stand as a monument to his personal character, and he will long be remembered for his unwavering commitment to service. Though the void that his death has created can never be filled, his estimable legacy will certainly inspire countless people; therefore be it	27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38
RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a profound sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of the Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones and, in doing so, pay tribute to the memory of a truly exceptional man; and be it further	39 40 41 42 43
RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of the Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones.	44 45 46