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S. R. No. 453

Senator Thomas

Cosponsors: Senators Blessing, Wilson

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 27
what was required or expected, Nathaniel Jones displayed 28
exceptional civic concern and insight, and his personal sacrifices 29
to his family, his friends, his community, and the State of Ohio 30
will certainly live beyond him. The warmth and understanding that 31
he so readily extended to others, including his five children, 32
Stephanie, Pamela, Rick, William, and Marc, and his eight 33
grandchildren, will stand as a monument to his personal character, 34
and he will long be remembered for his unwavering commitment to 35
service. Though the void that his death has created can never be 36
filled, his estimable legacy will certainly inspire countless 37
people; therefore be it 38

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 39
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, express a 40
profound sense of loss and sincere regret at the death of the 41
Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones and, in doing so, pay tribute to the 42
memory of a truly exceptional man; and be it further 43

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 44
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of the 45
Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones. 46